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Combat jets to mark first year of peace with Jordan

ALON PINKAS

ISRAELI and Jordanian combat jets and attack helicopters will fly over Israel and Jordan in a special display today to mark the first anniversary of the signing of the peace agreement.

IAF F-15 and F-16 fighter jets and Black Hawk transportation helicopters, and Jordanian Air Force F-5 and F-1 jets and Super Puma helicopters will begin their flight over Tiberias at 10:42 a.m., reach Haifa at approximately 10:47 a.m., veer south along the coastline to Tel Aviv at about 11 a.m., and fly over Jerusalem at 11:06. The formation is scheduled to fly over Amman at 11:17.

The helicopters will fly in close formation and display Israeli and Jordanian flags, as well as a banner reading "Shalom and *Salam*."

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is scheduled to meet in New York today with Jordan's King Hussein.



Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin meets King Hassan of Morocco (left) on Friday in New York, where both are attending the special commemorative session of the General Assembly on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the UN. (Reuter)

Rabin tells Christopher Syrian support of terror harming talks

HILLEL KUTTLER, MARILYN HENRY and news agencies

SYRIA'S support of terrorism is harming the negotiations with Israel, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told US Secretary of State Warren Christopher last night in New York, an Israeli source said.

Rabin told Christopher that Israel is interested in restarting a dialogue according to the understanding reached last June. But he stressed that the support Syria gives Hizbullah and the increase in terror activities supported by the government in Damascus are "sending negative signals that are not helpful for the negotiations," the Israeli official said.

Christopher will also meet early this week with Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara.

The three are among the many world leaders attending this week's celebrations of the United Nations' 50th anniversary.

King Hassan of Morocco, also in New York for the UN celebrations, met with Rabin on Friday evening and told him further steps would be taken soon to normalize relations between the two countries, Israeli diplomatic sources said.

An Israeli official said the purpose of last night's discussion between Rabin and Christopher was "to prepare for the Shara meeting and verify with Rabin what Shara has to say in order for Christopher to go to the region."

Depending on the Syrian position, such a visit could occur the first week in November, the official said. Christopher is already due to be in the region at the end of this month for the Amman economic conference, but must return to the US immediately afterwards to open the Balkan peace talks in Ohio.

"No specific dates were discussed," said an Israeli official at the meeting at the Regency Hotel. "At this point, we are looking at continuing the Israeli-Syrian dialogue in Washington."

Talks with Shara two weeks ago in Washington revealed no change in the Syrian position to hold security talks with Israel only at the ambassadorial level. Israel is adamant that Damascus honor its US-brokered commitment to hold such talks between military officials.

Rabin said yesterday he doesn't know of any breakthrough in the talks with Syria. There was no reason to continue with the talks, because the results of Christopher's last visit to the region had not borne fruit, he added, according to Israel Radio. Rabin was speaking following a meeting with former US secretary of state Henry Kissinger.

Kissinger for the first time publicly expressed support for the Israel-Palestinian peace agreement.

Meanwhile, a working paper by the Foreign Ministry says chances are slim that Syria and Israel will get back to the negotiating table soon, Israel Radio reported.

The document notes there has been a recent escalation in harsh statements from Damascus and pointed to the two Hizbullah attacks that killed nine IDF soldiers in Lebanon, where Syria is the main power broker.

During Rabin's meeting with Hassan on Friday night, the king said Morocco is considering asking the Arab League to end the boycott of Israel, according to the sources in New York. The sources said an announcement may come during the Amman conference next week.

"They will say that maintaining the boycott is hurting the Palestinian people," said a reliable source.

The two leaders were said to have also discussed the state of peace talks, bilateral relations and Islamic fundamentalism during their one-hour meeting.

Rabin expressed hope that the king would help develop regional economic cooperation and encourage more Arab states to join the peace process.

Morocco and Israel currently have reciprocal liaison offices.

It was the third time Rabin and Hassan have met since Rabin first visited Rabat in 1993. The meeting was not originally on Rabin's itinerary.

Rabin also met with UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali and said "'Khomeiniism without Khomeini" is a leading threat to the region.

Islamic extremism "endangers peace, tranquillity and stability in the region through terrorism and

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Northern Command to begin probe of Lebanon deaths

ALON PINKAS

THE Northern Command will begin its investigation today of the two incidents during Succot in which nine soldiers were killed in the security zone in Lebanon.

The investigation, to be conducted by OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine, will rely on two lower-level inquiries made by the Golani Brigade and the Lebanon Liaison Unit.

Both investigations concluded that in the second attack, last Sunday, Golani company commander Capt. Yossi Ohana failed to obtain the brigade commander's authorization to move on dirt roads, considered dangerous and prone to mines.

Ohana was cautioned by his battalion commander not to drive on the dirt road with an armored personnel carrier (APC) that was inadequately protected. Ohana and five of his soldiers were killed when their APC ran over a mine on a dirt road leading from a pine forest to a paved road.

The investigation will thus focus on a possible miscommunication between the company and battalion commanders on both the issue of the road and the use of the specific APC.

The investigation conducted by Brig.-Gen. Giora Inbar, the commander of the Lebanon Liaison Unit, revealed that a better-protected APC was in fact available for use, but Ohana was not advised of this. He got the approval of the battalion commander to proceed with the other APC, on the assumption the heavier one still had technical problems.

A Northern Command source said yesterday he doubts any disciplinary measures will be taken. "We are not talking about lack of discipline or failure to observe procedures," he said. "At worst, and I am not even sure of this at this point, we will find a bad judgment call. These occur whenever commanders make so many decisions under the conditions that exist in Lebanon."

SLA officer wounded, Page 2

Clinton launches compromise drive on embassy bill

HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON

THE Clinton administration launched a last-minute effort Friday to induce a Senate compromise on a bill calling for the US Embassy to be moved to Jerusalem.

The bill's sponsor, Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole, announced Friday that a vote on the bill would be held tomorrow.

The US's special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross made the rounds on Capitol Hill seeking to tone down the bill so the administration might support it.

The administration had previously not sought a compromise, and Republican sources were critical of the absence of any dialogue prior to Friday.

The administration fears that moving the embassy could hurt Israeli-Palestinian final-status talks, and so is now seeking to insert a provision linking a move to the actual conclusion of those negotiations, rather than to the scheduled May 1999 conclusion.

But a Senate Republican source called that proposal "silly" and said it is "not doable, not negotiable."

The administration has argued that the Senate's compelling an embassy move infringes on the President's constitutional authority.

Dole last week removed the bill's requirement that construction on the embassy begin by May 1996, in an attempt to draw broader support.

In a meeting at the White House on Thursday night with several Senate opponents of the bill – including Dianne Feinstein, the top-ranking Democrat on the Near East subcommittee – administration officials said President Clinton would veto the Dole bill as it now stands, Senate sources said.

Senator Claiborne Pell, the leading Democrat on the foreign relations committee, also opposes the current bill, they said.

In addition to the linkage provision, Feinstein and the administration are seeking to amend the bill to allow for a presidential waiver delaying the embassy's move if the White House deems it in the US's interest to do so.

Negotiations with the Senate were to continue over the weekend over the precise parameters of such a waiver. The Senate Republican source indicated that Dole opposes a waiver but was willing to see what the administration will propose.

After Dole announced that the vote would take place tomorrow, AIPAC, which has lobbied for passage, issued a statement calling the legislation "historic" because "with strong bipartisan support, it establishes a policy that Congress has long supported: Officially changing US policy by recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital and taking the obvious and consistent step to show it."

As of late Friday, 68 Senators had signed on to the bill as cosponsors, with others also expected to vote for the bill.

That would represent overwhelming support in the 100-member body, and more than the two-thirds necessary to override a presidential veto.

But Dole would discuss a deal with the administration that would avoid a messy veto and override, if it does not emasculate the bill, Senate sources said.

Should talks with the administration this weekend fail, Dole will bring the bill to the floor in its present form even though it would be vetoed, they added.

Construction of Kiryat Gat Intel plant 'a breakthrough for Israeli industry'

ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

IN a move acknowledging Israel's advanced position in the world of high technology, Intel announced plans Friday to build a $1.6 billion semiconductor plant in Kiryat Gat, the largest industrial investment ever made here.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat said at a press conference that the investment had implications well beyond its direct economic impact.

"The American business community sees this as an expression of confidence in the Israeli economy and in Israel," he said. "It creates a view of Israel as a place with the manpower and the technology to attract a project like this."

The plant will provide a major boost to the economy of the South, with most of the workers expected to be drawn from the area between Ashdod and Beersheba. It will employ 1,500 people directly and provide work for more than 3,000 others through contractors and suppliers.

The facility will produce Flash Memory, which provides easily reprogrammable memory for computers and other systems, and retains data even when the computer's power is turned off. An annual turnover of $1b. is anticipated when the plant becomes fully operational. Construction is expected to take 20 months and production is to start in three years.

Dr. Dov Frohman, general manager of Intel Israel, said the skilled manpower available in Israel was 90 percent of the reason the Intel Corporation decided to establish the plant here. He noted that Israel had beaten out competition for the plant from many countries and virtually every state in the US.

Terming the investment "a breakthrough for Israeli industry into the next century" he cautioned that the plant would have to prove its competitiveness in the world market. He noted that the level of salaries was an important element in the final price of the product and the Israeli company's ability to remain competitive.

Intel, which has been operating in Israel for 22 years, has plants in Haifa and Jerusalem employing a total of 1,500 workers.

Frohman said the ability to design future Intel processors in the country and to manufacture competitively "will change the map of technology, development and manufacturing in Israel in the next 20 years."

Intel Israel's exports last year totaled $364 million, making it one of the country's top 10 exporters. Frohman, who is also a vice president of Intel Corporation, the world's largest chip manufacturer, said output per employee will be $450,000 per

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Some world leaders send regrets to UN 50th birthday bash

News agencies

UNITED NATIONS – More than 180 heads of state were invited to the United Nations' 50th birthday party. But a select few have sent their regrets.

The long-planned celebrations begin officially today. Each of the 185 UN members, plus those with observer status such as Switzerland, the Vatican and the PLO, were invited to send their kings, presidents, prime ministers or other high-ranking officials.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak sent his regrets, the president of Italy, Oscar Luigi Scalfaro, has political troubles at home, and the Georgian leader, Eduard Shevardnadze, is worried about rebel activity if he leaves.

The president of the Congo, Pascal Lissouba, canceled his visit to New York and Washington shortly before he was due to leave because his bankrupt government could not afford the trip, according to a presidential source in Brazzaville.

No explanation was forthcoming for Mubarak's last-minute cancellation. The Egyptian leader also backed out of the just-ended Non-Aligned Movement Summit in Cartegena, Colombia.

Helmut Kohl says he never planned to attend, a surprise to those who thought Germany's chancellor would seize the chance to continue lobbying for a permanent seat on the UN Security Council.

And then, some no-shows came as no surprise. Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi will not be attending; their countries are under UN sanctions.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat will be making his first visit to the United Nations in 21 years. Cuban President Fidel Castro is also speaking; it is his first visit since 1979 and second as head of state.

Yugoslavia's seat on the assembly was suspended in 1992. So as much as President Slobodan Milosevic may have wanted to come to New York, where he once worked as a banker, he wasn't invited.

Last-minute cancellations seemed to come as leaders decided they couldn't afford, politically, to be away from home.

Shevardnadze's spokeswoman would not say why the Georgian leader backed out. But the Interfax news agency, quoting unidentified sources close to Shevardnadze, said he wanted to concentrate on the November 5 presidential and parliamentary elections in the former Soviet republic. Shevardnadze is expected to win the presidency.

In Bonn, the German chancellor's chief spokesman, Peter Hausmann, said Kohl was staying in Germany for "schedule reasons" made long ago. Kohl is sending Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel instead. But some Germans wondered whether Kohl was attending to secret business at home.

In addition to Iraq and Libya, other countries sending foreign ministers instead of their heads of state include Malaysia, Burma, Kenya, Ecuador, Peru and all of the Persian Gulf states.

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Fighting resumes in zone; bomb wounds SLA officer

DAVID RUDGE

A SOUTH Lebanese Army officer was wounded in a Hizbullah roadside bomb attack near Beit Yahoun in the western sector of the security zone yesterday, as fighting resumed after a brief respite.

Meanwhile, IDF and SLA troops in the security zone remained on full alert amid reports, based on military assessments, that Hizbullah is likely to try to intensify its attacks in light of its recent morale-boosting successes.

Lebanese radio stations reported that a house in Tibnin village, north of the zone, was damaged during IDF and SLA shelling of Hizbullah targets in response to the roadside bomb attack. There were no reports, however, of any civilian casualties from the shelling.

A statement issued by Hizbullah said its gunmen responsible for planting and detonating the device had all returned safely to their bases.

Reports from south Lebanon said the SLA officer was lightly wounded in the blast and had been transferred to nearby Bint J'bail hospital.

Hizbullah is also believed to be responsible for a mortar attack on an SLA outpost in the same area late on Friday night. There were no casualties in that incident and IDF gunners returned fire.

The attacks yesterday broke a brief lull in the fighting in south Lebanon in the wake of the fierce exchanges last week after two separate attacks in which nine Golani Brigade soldiers were killed and seven wounded.

Those incidents, a well-planned ambush and a roadside bomb attack, both occurred in the Aishiyeh region in the north-eastern sector of the zone.

It is believed that the Hizbullah terrorists who carried out the attacks had received detailed information about IDF movements.

Hizbullah issued a statement after the ambush 10 days ago that the operation, against IDF troops traveling in civilian vehicles, had "proved the effectiveness of the reconnaissance of the Islamic Resistance's fighters who detected covert movements of the enemy in darkness."

The statement said the operation had also shown the "Islamic Resistance's mastery of the terrain by their penetration of a chain of enemy positions undetected."

Some military experts believe that members of the same squad which carried out the ambush against the convoy in which three soldiers were killed and six wounded, also planted the roadside bomb near the Rehan position.

The device went off under an armored personnel carrier last Sunday killing six more Golani Brigade soldiers and wounding a seventh while they were on operational duties in the area.

There have been reports in Lebanese newspapers recently that a number of SLA troops had defected a few weeks ago from a position in the Rehan area.

The reports, which were also carried by Lebanese radio stations, said elements of the SLA Tenth Battalion had defected and that the post itself had been taken over by the IDF which was investigating the matter.

There have been no confirmation of these reports from any other sources.



Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur (right) is congratulated by Druse leaders at a gathering of supporters held over the weekend at Kibbutz Shefayim, where he announced he will run in the Labor Party primaries on the national list. (Beni Birak)

Arafat to meet with US Jews

MARILYN HENRY
NEW YORK

PALESTINIAN Authority head Yasser Arafat has long sought a public audience with American Jews, and tomorrow will meet with them on US soil – twice.

However, the events are far from trouble-free. American Jewish leaders have been ambivalent about a meeting, and many were rankled by the publicity and the platform.

The first meeting is with the executive board of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, which issued the invitation.

Some members of NJCRAC, an umbrella organization representing some national Jewish agencies and local community councils throughout the US, were surprised and irritated that the invitation was issued without their knowledge.

The second meeting is a private session, set for later tomorrow, between Arafat and a delegation from the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

The conference "had been approached about a meeting," said Malcolm Hoenlein, the executive vice chairman. He declined to say whether the PLO or Israeli officials had suggested the meeting.

Arafat is in New York for ceremonies commemorating the 50th anniversary of the United Nations.

"It is a separate issue that Israel negotiates with Arafat," said Betty Ehrenberg of the Institute of Public Affairs of the Orthodox Union. "The American Jewish community doesn't have to honor him with recognition."

The Orthodox Union will not be attending the NJCRAC-Arafat meeting, although it supports the delegation of the presidents' conference. "The conference is not giving him a public platform; it is a private meeting," Ehrenberg said.

The conference is the traditional American Jewish host for foreign officials, and some questioned why NJCRAC, a domestic organization, had issued the Arafat invitation.

However, NJCRAC executive director Larry Rubin rejected the notion that the meeting was inappropriate. "The Middle East peace process is the principal item on the Jewish communal agenda," Rubin said. "It doesn't belong to any one organization."

The NJCRAC meeting also presents problems for council officials in some of the larger Jewish communities.

"We have constituents who support the peace process and others who don't," said one official, who declined to be identified. "If we go to the meeting, it sends a message that aggravates some people, and if we don't go it aggravates the others."

Cairo paper: PA, Hamas agree to talks in Egypt next month

JON IMMANUEL

HAMAS and the Palestinian Authority have agreed to open talks in Egypt early next month to reach an agreement between them, the Cairo daily *Al-Ahram* reported Friday.

Al-Ahram quoted PA Secretary-General Tayeb Abdel-Raheem as saying that Egypt agreed to sponsor the talks. The report was carried in the Jerusalem Arabic press yesterday.

Dr. Mahmoud Zahar, a senior Hamas spokesman recently released from Gaza prison after four months in detention, said the report was inaccurate.

"Until now there is no agreement with the authority about the location of the dialogue, but this does not mean that the response of Hamas is negative. There is nothing decided, but there is talking all the time," said Zahar.

The PA has insisted that any agreement must include a complete cessation of violence against Israel by the armed wing of Hamas, Izzadin Kassam, from territory under Palestinian authority.

Zahar said once a decision is made to go to talks, the agenda will be open.

PLO and Hamas officials have previously met in Sudan, an Islamic radical state. Talks among Hamas officials from different countries earlier this month failed to produce a consensus on declaring an end to violence against Israel from Palestinian areas.

Egypt is at war with Islamic radicals and is unlikely to invite a considerable number of Hamas – supporters from Jordan, Syria, Sudan and other countries – who express more radical anti-Israel views than the political leadership of Hamas in Gaza.

Jailed Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin expressed support last week for an agreement with the PA in a meeting with MK Taleb A-Sanaa in Ashkelon Prison.

Support for the Palestinian opposition is slipping. Two recent Palestinian polls conducted independently, one still unpublished, put support for the Oslo 2 accord at virtually the same level, between 72-73 percent.

A second group of former Hamas members last week declared a political party, authorized by the PA. The party, headed by Hader Mahjeez, is called the Islamic Palestinian Unity Party. The first, Al-Masar, was declared last year by Mohammed Abu Dan, who was once imprisoned for five years by Israel.

Abu Dan was expelled from Hamas when he joined the Palestinian secret police. Mahjeez was supposed to head the Morals Squad, but it was quashed by PA Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Syrian ferry breaks down on way to Palestinians

A Syrian ferry broke down in the Mediterranean yesterday two hours after it left Syria to pick up hundreds of Palestinians, who have been stranded at sea since their expulsion from Libya nine days ago. Speed boats with repair men aboard were dispatched from Latakia to fix the Faysa Express, said Cypriot port officials, who were in radio contact with the ferry. (AP)

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year when the plant is at full production, 10 times the average in Israeli industry today.

Kiryat Gat, a development town halfway between Tel Aviv and Beersheba, is expected to be transformed by the plant, which will consume more electricity, 40 megawatts, than the entire town presently does and dominate it economically.

A 600-dunam area has been allocated to the facility. In the first phase, 100,000 square meters of floor space will be constructed, including an 8,000-sq.m. "clean room."

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other violent activities," Rabin said.

He demanded that the PLO clamp down on extremist groups in areas under its control.

"We demand from [PLO leader Yasser] Arafat... to be more effective in coping with these terrorist groups," Rabin said. "We expect him to do better against terrorism."

Rabin also met briefly with the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and reviewed the maps and timetables of the Oslo 2 accord.

The meeting was "unexpectedly calm," said one Israeli official, who added, "He was not asked and did not answer any questions about the role of American Jews on Capitol Hill."

Last month, during the signing in Washington of Oslo 2, Rabin assailed American Jews for lobbying Congress against Israeli policies, saying this crossed a red line.

Rabin was also feted by the glitterati Friday night.

A Who's Who of Jewish businessmen, including Edgar Bronfman and Morton Zuckerman, as well as celebrity newscasters such as Dan Rather and Barbara Walters, joined Chaim Herzog, Abba Eban and the Israeli diplomatic corps at the Regency.

Arab League head blasts states for ties with Israel

ARAB League Secretary-General Esmat Abdel-Meguid made scathingly critical comments over the weekend about the speed at which some Arab states are normalizing relations with Israel.

Abdel-Meguid, a former Egyptian foreign minister, was quoted yesterday in the Egyptian Daily *Al-Ahram* as saying, "The rushing weakens the negotiating position of the Arabs vis-a-vis Israel. "Israel must understand that peace is not a gift it is giving the Arabs. On the contrary, Israel is the primary beneficiary."

Egypt's official media has recently been critical of the normalization of relations between Jordan and Israel, and has insisted that Egypt is being careful to keep relations at the lowest possible level until there is a comprehensive peace in the region. *Itim*

PA police confront Ze'evi in Jericho

News agencies

MOLEDET party head MK Rehavam Ze'evi, who has vowed to shoot any Palestinian policeman trying to stop him, came face to face with that reality Friday – and balked.

The confrontation came when he led a group of party members to the Shalom Al Yisrael synagogue in Jericho, at the start of a tour to demonstrate support for Jordan Valley residents.

A Palestinian Police patrol ordered his convoy to remove the Israeli flags it was flying and an argument broke out when the drivers refused. Israel Radio said. According to an agreement between the IDF and the Palestinians, it is forbidden to fly Israeli flags within the autonomous areas.

According to Ze'evi, one of the Palestinian officers tried to remove a flag from a car. "I grabbed his hand and pushed him aside, at which point he cocked his weapon at me," he said.

Speaking to Israel Radio, Ze'evi said he left his gun in a different car and suggested that otherwise, he would have opened fire. IDF soldiers arrived shortly after the confrontation and escorted the convoy out of Jericho, flags waving.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Israeli shot dead in Tulkarm

A man originally from Tulkarm was shot dead yesterday in the town and police are examining whether the motive was criminal or political. Munir Abdo, 46, carried an Israeli ID card. Although these are frequently given to collaborators, Abdo had married an Israeli Arab woman. *Jon Immanuel*

Bethlehem march for prisoners

About 200 Palestinians participated in a march in Bethlehem yesterday to press for the release of Palestinian prisoners from Israeli jails. The group marched from the Red Cross building to City Hall bearing placards saying, "Without Palestinian prisoner release there is no peace." Security forces prevented the group from reaching Manger Square, so the protesters stopped marching and sang songs. *Itim*

Rehov Bar-Ilan protests resume

Hundreds of haredim pushed garbage onto Rehov Bar-Ilan and threw stones at motorists yesterday afternoon after Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert announced last week he could not close the road on Shabbat. Some cars were damaged but there were no injuries. Police arrived on the scene and forced the protesters onto the sidewalks. *Itim*

Boy killed, 12 people hurt on roads

A five-year-old boy from Tulkarm was killed yesterday afternoon when he was hit by a car near the town's train tracks. The driver who hit the boy brought him to the hospital where he was declared dead. Two men suffered moderate injuries Friday afternoon, in a collision between an Israeli and Palestinian car. Ten people were injured, one of them seriously, when a car overturned and another car hit it near the Nitzanim Junction on the Ashdod-Ashkelon highway. *Itim*

Report: PM funding for Pollard

The Prime Minister's Office is secretly funding the activities of the Public Committee for Jonathan Pollard, Channel 2 television news reported on Friday.

According to the report, some $3 million dollars has been transferred to the committee from an institution that is subordinate to the office, with the approval of both Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and his predecessor, Yitzhak Shamir. Pollard's attorneys have claimed that the committee has been acting to support the government's interests in avoiding friction with the US, rather than in Pollard's interests. *Itim*

Labor to keep Kahalani and Zissman

Labor MKs Avigdor Kahalani and Emanuel Zissman – who voted against Oslo 2 and confidence in the government – will not be ejected from the party, faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen said last night. However, they will be removed from the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee. The decision will be brought before the Labor faction for approval. MKs Haim Ramon and Avraham Katz-Oz will replace the two on the committee. *Itim*

Toddler falls to death

An 18-month-old boy fell from the window of a third floor Jerusalem apartment yesterday and died shortly after reaching the hospital. Police said the boy apparently slipped out between metal bars, but they are investigating. *Itim*

Bezeq credit coming for error

About 100,000 Bezeq subscribers in the Tel Aviv area have been sent phone bills with "small" improper charges, the telecommunications company announced last night. Customers will be credited for the money in their next phone bill. A "mistake" caused Bezeq to charge customers for equipment that is free, such as a phone socket. In all cases, the charges involved only a few shekels, Bezeq maintained. Bills that were sent out after this past Thursday were correct. *Judy Siegel*

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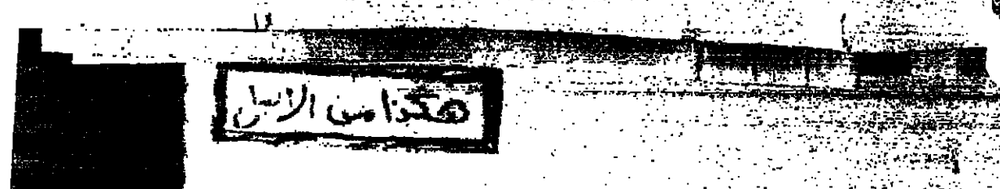
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Russian leader Boris Yelstin, right, and French President Jacques Chirac meet with the press in France yesterday. (Reuter)

Yeltsin: Russia will help guard Bosnia

PARIS (AP) – Wrapping up a two-day visit to France, Boris Yeltsin said yesterday that "of course" Russian troops would help enforce any Bosnian peace accord – but not under NATO command.

Yeltsin and French President Jacques Chirac, speaking at a joint news conference, each said their views converged on issues ranging from NATO's eastward expansion to the future force in Bosnia.

"Of course Russian troops will participate" in any multinational force in Bosnia, the Russian president said. "But not under a NATO command. There will be coordination (between Russian and Western alliance commanders) so that everything runs smoothly."

Chirac said Russia "obviously can't be absent from the system put in place to apply the peace plan."

"Which poses a problem of command. There must be an accord on command between NATO and the Russians," Chirac said.

Yeltsin said he expected a compromise on Russian participation would be reached during his discussions next week in New York with President Clinton and other Western leaders.

Yeltsin and Chirac were both flying later yesterday to New York, where they will take part in ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of the United Nations.

The two leaders gave no details on what Chirac called their "grand convergence" of opinions on European security and Bosnia, saying they would first consult with other leaders before announcing their views.

On NATO, Chirac said he understood eastern European countries' desire to "anchor themselves" to NATO, but that he also understands Moscow's wariness of NATO's eastward expansion.

"Our opinions converge on this question," Yeltsin added. "He (Chirac) and I must try to convince other leaders, especially Bill Clinton."

Meanwhile, rescuers yesterday found 10 survivors from a military helicopter that crashed two days earlier on a remote island in the Russian Arctic.

Eight bodies were found, said Alexander Suvorov, a spokesman for the Russian Federal Border Service which owned the chopper. He said three of the survivors were badly injured.

After two days of an intensive search for the vanished chopper, a rescue helicopter spotted tents on Bolshevik Island off Russia's far northern coast.

The Mi-26 helicopter was carrying 12 border guards and a crew of six when it went missing. It disappeared on a flight from Cape Chelyuskin, continental Russia's northernmost point, to Severnaya Zemlya, a group of islands in the Arctic.

Bosnia truce holding, sides swap prisoners

A local truce was reported to be holding in volatile northwest Bosnia yesterday and the warring parties exchanged prisoners in signs of progress towards ending the war.

Fighting has continued in the northwest since a Bosnia-wide ceasefire came into force nine days ago. The truce was aimed at calming the situation on the ground in preparation for peace talks scheduled to open in the United States on October 31.

"No significant military actions were detected by us in the northwest yesterday, just a few explosions," UN spokeswoman Major Miriam Sohacki said.

Referring to a meeting at northwest front-lines at which Serb, Croat and Moslem commanders agreed to respect the ceasefire, spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Chris Vernon said: "The general atmosphere of these meetings was one of cooperation and willingness to make the ceasefire work."

In a further sign of progress towards peace, the Bosnian government and its separatist Serb foes exchanged 20 prisoners yesterday, including two Turkish journalists and three foreign aid workers held by the Serbs.

Among those freed in the exchange, the first since the ceasefire came into effect on October 12, was Sarajevo poet Vladimir Srebov, a Serb critic of the war who was seized by Serb soldiers when he ventured outside the city on a freelance peace mission in 1992.

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A delegate from the International Commission of the Red Cross, which helped organise the swap, said it was not known how many others were being held. "There's going to be a lot of these over the next few weeks – both prisoners and bodies."

President Clinton told Congress Friday he will ask for a vote of support for sending US troops to Bosnia as part of a NATO peacekeeping force.

Sen. Bob Dole urged the president to deny a visa to Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic.

"Milosevic is no peacemaker," said the Kansas Republican.

In a letter to Sen. Robert C. Byrd, Clinton made it clear he'd welcome a congressional endorsement but wasn't backing away from the position that presidents can commit troops without first getting permission from Congress.

"While maintaining the constitutional authorities of the presidency, I would welcome, encourage and, at the appropriate time request an expression of support by the Congress," Clinton wrote.

Such an expression would require a congressional resolution adopted by both houses.

Clinton said at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton Ohio it would be premature for Congress to act before the peace due to begin at the end of the month.

An advocate of seeking congressional endorsement for US participation in a peacekeeping force, Byrd concurred in Clinton's request to hold off any action.

"It would be most unfortunate if the peace process were to be derailed by premature action here," he told the Senate.

Clinton said congressional support "would be in the national interest" and he pledged to continue consulting with Congress "so that we secure the widest support possible for peace."

Another sign of a return to normality in Sarajevo after 42 months of siege was the reopening of the city's main outdoor market, scene of two massacres that changed the war's course.

Mandela denies nuclear capability

PRETORIA (Reuter) – President Nelson Mandela yesterday shrugged off claims in a book by two journalists that South African right-wingers could have access to nuclear weapons.

"We have been assured by those who are connected with this (nuclear) program that that program was discontinued, that everything was dismantled and we have not the capability now for making weapons of destruction," Mandela said at Waterkloof air base.

He was speaking before leaving for New York where he will attend UN celebrations.

"Those like Deputy President (F.W.) de Klerk who were close to the program have also given me assurances, which I have no reason to disbelieve, that the program was discontinued.

"They have denied expressly that some of these materials are in the hands of the right wing.

"We will not investigate wild and unsubstantiated allegations," Mandela said.

Trade chiefs wrap up meeting

HARROGATE (Reuter) – Trade chiefs from the leading trade powers ended two days of talks charting the future of world trade rules in England's sixteenth century Ripley Castle yesterday.

"We have had detailed and useful informal talks over two days on the full range of current issues confronting us," EU Trade Commissioner Sir Leon Brittan told a closing news conference.

Brittan hosted the Quadrilateral meeting, a group which comprises Canada, the EU, Japan and the United States, to consider China's possible accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO), future WTO policies and rules for regional trade blocs.

China's WTO membership, which has hung in the air since January when it was denied founder-member status in the world's new trade club, looked no closer to becoming reality yesterday.

"We are agreed that China joining the WTO is an important objective...but we think it has to be done on the basis of acceptance of the fundamental rules of the WTO," Brittan said.

US Trade Representative Mickey Kantor put it somewhat more bluntly in an earlier, private briefing, saying none of the major trade powers was impressed by China's offers to date.

Away from discussions on China, the Quad ministers looked at ways to alleviate the dangers of tension between the WTO's multilateral trade rules and those springing up in regional blocs.

The main issue is how to balance the two processes and to ensure that the gathering momentum towards regional accords is contained in a way which allows those left outside to scrutinize the deals.

"As concerns regional trade initiatives, we have agreed that greater transparency is desirable, and that it would be helpful to seek agreement in WTO to create a single committee that could enable WTO to devote more attention to the review work...," Brittan said.

Riots erupt in four US federal prisons

GREENVILLE, Illinois (AP) – After inmates set fires, threw baseball bats and broke windows at four federal prisons, guards regained a tenuous control yesterday amid a Justice Department lockdown at its prisons nationwide.

Among the most seriously injured were those treated for smoke inhalation and a prison staff member who was burned with scalding liquid.

The sporadic violence, some of it apparently triggered by Congress' refusal to reduce penalties for crack cocaine convictions, began late Thursday at the federal prison in Talladega, Alabama. It spread Friday to those in Memphis, Tennessee, Allenwood, Pennsylvania, and to the town of Greenville 65 km east of St. Louis, where guards were still trying to get inmates back to their cells.

"They've still got some problems," Greenville police Chief John King said early yesterday. "They don't have the control that they desire of a particular cell block."

The mayhem at the medium-security prison in Greenville began when some inmates refused to return to their cells as part of the national lockdown, and took over a housing unit. Some prison employees built a barricade to protect themselves and had to be rescued by a tactical responsT team, authorities said.

One prison staff member was admitted to the hospital, and at least 13 other people suffered mostly minor injuries. Utlaut Memorial Hospital would not disclose the nature or extent of the prison worker's injuries.

In Memphis, crews were still dousing what's left of a series of fires set during a disturbance that at one point had more than 800 inmates roaming unsecured through a recreation yard.

Prison spokeswoman Francine Branch said the melee might have started when a group of inmates began breaking windows. "We don't know what kicked it off," she said.

The prisoners moved to the recreation yard and were joined by other inmates. During this time, several fires were set in three of the prison's housing units. At least 50 people were treated for smoke inhalation and other injuries.

In Pennsylvania, about 150 inmates went on an hourlong rampage Friday in a dining hall of a medium-security prison, pulling fire alarms and breaking windows, the prison said in a statement. A staff member was burned when a hot liquid was thrown in her face. Her condition was not available.

Local television and radio stations reported the disturbances may have been linked to the congressional vote not to reduce the penalty for crack cocaine convictions.

Two people who were trapped inside during the trouble Thursday night at the federal prison in Talladega, Ala., also said that was the reason for that disturbance. Thirteen people were hurt and inmates caused $1 million in damage by setting fires and smashing windows.

Claes resigns from NATO

BRUSSELS (AP) – NATO was looking for a new boss to face some delicate decisions after Secretary General Willy Claes resigned in a corruption scandal in his native Belgium.

Claes' resignation threw the Western military alliance into a leadership crisis as it prepares for a major military mission to Bosnia and possible NATO expansion into Eastern Europe.

Claes, NATO's third top executive in just 13 months, failed to persuade Belgium's parliament on Thursday to preserve his immunity from prosecution. He will face charges of bribery, forgery and abuse of office in connection with a helicopter contract awarded during his tenure as Belgian economy minister in 1988.

"Following the vote in the Belgian Parliament, I have decided, with great regret, to resign," Claes said at NATO headquarters.

He said there was no pressure from NATO's member countries to resign, but that he told several members of the policy-making North Atlantic Council that if Parliament voted against him he would resign immediately.

Claes said he was innocent of the charges and called them "a personal tragedy."

Prosecutors allege Claes, as economics minister, knew his Socialist Party accepted a $1.72 million bribe in 1988 from Italian aircraft manufacturer Agusta SpA to win a $330 million contract to build 48 army helicopters.

West's stepdaughter says father beat, molested her

WINCHESTER (Reuter) – Suspected serial killer Rosemary West laughed as her husband Fred smashed a steel-capped boot into the face of the daughter who adored him, an English court heard on Friday.

"That'll teach you to be so cocky," West was said to have sneered as her stepdaughter Anne-Marie, who intervened to stand up for her in a row, was kicked bleeding on the ground.

Anne-Marie Davis, who says she was also sexually abused as a child, told a court trying her stepmother for 10 murders that she was a daddy's girl until Rose drove a wedge between them.

"When I was very young I always used to tell my dad that one day I would marry him," she told the court in Winchester in a slow, hushed voice.

She glanced towards the dock where her stepmother sat staring and expressionless, but did not cry as she had when giving testimony of harrowing sexual abuse.

"I did love my father, (but) I would have done anything for both Rose and my father," she said.

Fred, found dead in prison this year, was jointly charged with Rose, now 41, of killing seven young women who prosecutors say were bound and gagged and kept alive for sexual torment.

Their bodies were unearthed last year below the family home at 25 Cromwell Street, in Gloucester, where they had lain for between seven and 21 years.

They were also accused of killing a lodger, Anne-Marie's sister Charmaine and Rose's first-born, Heather.

In police interviews read out in court, Rose West varied her account of how her daughter vanished in 1987 aged 16.

She began by saying she never heard from her again, but later said Heather had telephoned.

West said Heather left home unseen but later said she gave her some money to see her on her way. Neighbors had seen her go with a blonde woman in a Mini car and Heather had admitted to being a lesbian, she told police.

"I hope she's happy in the life she's presumably left home for," West said. But Heather's body was buried under the patio.

"I did not know about any of it," Davis, now 31, said of the murders allegedly carried out at the house.

Davis said Rose was the more violent towards her on a daily basis, scratching, pulling hair and punching her.

She said the kicking incident was the only time Fred hurt her except during sex – but this occurred often, with Rose participating, or alone with her builder father.

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NOTICE is hereby given of an extraordinary general meeting of the Company which will take place at the registered office of the Company, 24 Rothschild Boulevard, Tel Aviv, on:-

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On the agenda of the meeting will be the passing of a special resolution to amend the Articles of Association of the Company as follows:-

1. In Article number 1, at the end, the following definition will be added:-

""Senior officer" for the purposes of Articles 135, 136 and 137 of these Articles of Association, has the meaning stated in Chapter D 1 of the Companies Ordinance (New Version) 5743 (1983) for the term "nosei misra"".

2. Article number 135, including the heading of the Article, shall be substituted and the following Articles shall come in its place:-

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135 (a) Every employee or officer of the Company who is not a senior officer of the Company shall be indemnified out of the funds of the Company against all liability incurred by him as such employee or officer of the Company in defending any legal proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted, and the Company may indemnify him in respect of any financial obligation that may be imposed on him for the benefit of any other person in respect of acts committed by him in his capacity as an employee or officer of the Company.

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137 The Company may enter into a contract for the insurance of the liability, in whole or in part, of any of its senior officers to the extent permitted from time to time by law".

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Quebec separatists gaining momentum

OTTAWA (Reuter) – Most Canadians have long assumed Quebec would not dare split their country apart.

But as opinion polls show rising support for separatists, people are starting to question that traditional wisdom and wonder if it might not just happen.

Those campaigning to keep the country together brush aside the poll numbers and are confident when it actually comes to referendum day on Oct. 30, Quebeckers will not risk the potential upheaval by a vote for sovereignty.

"We're on course, and we'll carry on the campaign the same way we've done," Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien said on Friday. "Quebeckers will be in favor of remaining in Canada on Oct. 30."

The Angus Reid agency released to financial subscribers a poll showing 51 percent voting "Yes" to Quebec sovereignty and 49 percent "No" – with momentum for separation growing.

"The major finding of the poll was not so much the findings on the ballot question but the findings on who is gaining momentum on the campaign, and clearly the "Yes" side is ahead on that right now," Angus Reid spokesman Darrell Bricker told the subscribers.

An increasing number of polls have shown the "Yes" side ahead before attributing the undecided voters – who are traditionally hesitant to go for separation. After such apportionment, the polls still show a very tight race.

"This is the first time that it's possible for the sovereigntists to see a victory for the 'Yes' side," the group Leger & Leger said a week ago in announcing one such poll.

"Everything is possible. I wouldn't have said that two or three weeks ago, when I was sure the 'No' side would be the winner," said Claude Gauthier, vice president of the CROP pollsters.

He added however: "With the figures that we have presently, I think personally the 'No' is (still) winning."

Just the thought of the breakup of Canada, and the possibility that Quebec might run off without paying as much of the federal debt as Ottawa thinks it owes, has sent the Canadian dollar and bonds lower in the past few days.

Most analysts attribute the separatist surge to the prominence in the campaign of Lucien Bouchard, the flamboyant leader who leads the Bloc Quebecois in the federal Parliament.

"The 'Yes' side is doing well. The 'No' campaign is sputtering," he said.



A Sri Lankan policeman watches an oil depot go up in flames yesterday after Tamil rebels blew it up. (Reuter)

66 killed in Sri Lanka massacre

COLOMBO (Reuter) – Tamil Tiger rebels shot and hacked 66 villagers to death in eastern Sri Lanka yesterday, the military and witnesses said.

They killed 31 men, women and children in one village, 19 in another and 16 in a third, military and civilian accounts said.

The attacks, all in the small hours of yesterday morning, could have been an effort to distract the army from a big push in the north against the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, who are fighting to carve a Tamil homeland out of majority Sinhalese Sri Lanka.

The Tigers also sparked a firefight in the capital, Colombo. In the north, troops killed 106 rebels for the loss six men the military said.

Infants were among 31 dead in the overnight attack on the mixed Sinhalese-Tamil village of Poonalikatuwa in Welikanda, between Polonnaruwa and Batticaloa, a doctor said.

Most of those killed were hacked to death, the doctor at Polonnaruwa Hospital told Reuters. Six other villagers were wounded. "Most had suffered sharp injuries," the doctor said. "Also there were some Tamils among the dead who had been shot."

The military named the village as Kolakanavadiya.

In Mangalagama, in eastern Ampara, the Tigers used machetes and swords to kill 16 men, women and children and wound five others, a witness said from the hospital. The military confirmed the death toll.

The Tigers, also attacked the village of Padaviya, in the eastern Welioya district, killing 19, the military said.

Some of their victims had been raped, the National News Agency said.

The attacks occurred between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m yesterday. The villages lie in the border area between government and LTTE-controlled territory.

In the capital, where a curfew was reimposed yesterday, LTTE cadres shot dead two civilians near a Colombo oil depot blown up by the rebels, witnesses said. The two were caught in crossfire. A third man was killed shortly afterwards by unidentified gunmen.

Scores of air force, army and police personnel cordoned off marshland near the Orugodawatte oil depot, searching for Tigers believed at large after the attacks.

Black smoke billowed over eastern Colombo for a second day yesterday as fires at Orugodawatte and nearby Kolonawwa continued to burn. About 90,000 tons of crude oil, 40,000 tonnes of diesel and 15,000 tonnes of kerosene, including aviation fuel, went up in flames, police said.

Six LTTE members had been arrested, police said. At least 25 people died, including Black Tiger suicide bombers, and 32 were wounded in the violence.

The Tigers, who in May hacked and shot to death 42 Sinhalese villagers in Kallarawa in the east, were feared ready to stage more suicide attacks in a bid to stall the army offensive in the Jaffna peninsula where the army advanced two km yesterday, security forces said.

"The terrorists have gone back to the era of attacking unarmed civilians...to attract the attention of the security forces," the military said.

Media Minister Dharmasiri Senanayake said the attacks were aimed at making the armed forces pull out men from the north.

"These terrorist activities are intended to create communal conflicts leading to disrupt the economy and disturb the lives of the people," he said in a statement.

UN broke before birthday bash

LOUIS MEIXLER
UNITED NATIONS

FACING a financial crisis that threatens everything from internal reforms to peacekeeping, the United Nations this weekend begins hosting the largest gathering of world leaders in history.

Owed $3 billion from members, the organization is out of money.

Even the $1.4 million earmarked to protect and provide for the visiting world leaders, including President Clinton, Fidel Castro and Boris Yeltsin, is a strain on a budget that was exhausted months ago.

In all, presidents, prime ministers and senior officials of about 180 countries will speak before the General Assembly during the three-day session starting today.

They will be addressing an organization in crisis. Countries with peacekeepers in the field say they may have to withdraw their blue helmets if they aren't paid.

The United States is the biggest debtor at $1.3 billion. The Americans have withheld payments to pressure the UN into reforms. But critics claim those very reforms are hamstrung for lack of money.

"The amount of management attention on balancing our cash position is tremendous and that takes away from the reform process," said Joseph E. Connor, the undersecretary-general for administration and management.

US Ambassador Madeleine Albright yesterday called again for UN reforms.

"We cannot and will not ask our Congress or taxpayers to support levels of funding for the UN that do not reflect a high degree of fiscal discipline and restraint," Albright told a UN finance committee. "If the UN's first half century is not to be its last, we must create the UN anew."

The crunch has left the UN unable to pay the $10 million severance package for 135 employees who have agreed to retire early. A management training program has also been delayed due to a lack of money.

To make ends meet, the United Nations has borrowed $100 million from its peacekeeping fund, which is sharply depleted.

The United Nations owes some $900 million to 80 countries for peacekeeping and many nations are saying they may not send troops to the next crisis point.

"Several countries have said they are approaching the point at which they will have to withdraw troops," Connor said.

Nations still want to boost peacekeepers

WHILE Washington wants the United Nations to "say no" to more peacekeeping, other governments want to strengthen its hand despite its financial crisis:

RAPID DEPLOYMENT FORCE: The Netherlands suggests a permanent UN light infantry brigade ready for immediate deployment on orders of the Security Council. The 5,000 international volunteers would respond to emergencies and then pull out within three months, to be replaced by troops on loan from UN members.

"VANGUARD CONCEPT": A Canadian study proposes a rapid deployment headquarters – a UN "cell" of 30 to 50 international military officers who could plan for contingencies and then deploy as command staff for up to 5,000 peacekeepers, who would be drawn from "high-readiness" units maintained by governments for possible UN deployment.

DANISH BRIGADE: Denmark last year took the lead on peacekeeping and organized the International Danish Brigade within its army, a 4,560-soldier quick-reaction force whose services are on standing offer to the United Nations. Danes have also offered peacekeeping training to other countries. (AP)

Ivory Coast leaders trying to prevent election day bloodshed

ABIDJAN (Reuter) – President Henri Konan Bedie met leaders of Ivory Coast's main opposition parties yesterday in a last-ditch effort to prevent bloodshed during today's presidential election.

They followed unprecedented political violence, which has killed at least eight people, and an opposition pledge to disrupt polling.

The opposition leaders, who have denounced the election as rigged, refused all comment on the substance of the talks with Bedie, who has ordered the army to help protect voters.

But one opposition politician, Djeny Kobina of the Rally of the Republicans, said the talks were expected to resume later.

Ivory Coast, the world's top cocoa producer, built a reputation for stability under founding father Felix Houphouet-Boigny from independence from France in 1960 to his death in 1993.

At least eight people died in unrest on October 2 and during fresh clashes on Monday and Tuesday.

Witnesses reported more unrest, saying protesters burned ballot boxes, a government office and vehicles in the northern town of Odienne. Security forces ran out of teargas and fired at protesters, wounding about 10, one said.

Bedie, who took over under the constitution after Houphouet-Boigny died, wound up his campaign a day early to leave time for peace talks.

"I still hope unstintingly for peace signals from them. We hold out our hand to them unstintingly," he said in Yamoussoukro, birthplace of Houphouet-Boigny and spiritual home of his ruling Democratic Party.

He offered opposition leaders an olive branch in the form of experts to check electoral lists and urged them to contest general and municipal elections in November and December.

The elections are Ivory Coast's second multi-party polls. Revision of electoral lists is a key opposition demand.

Bedie noted that it was too late for the boycotting opposition to contest today's poll, but added: "There is no longer any justification for orchestrated clashes."

Kobina, Laurent Gbagbo, leading light in the campaign that brought multi-party politics to the West African country in 1990, and other leaders of a poll-boycotting Republican Front opposition alliance attended yesterday's talks.

Gbagbo's Ivorian Popular Front and its allies say Bedie has manipulated electoral rules.

Retired Chilean general agrees to go to jail

SANTIAGO (AP) – After months of defiance, the secret police chief under Chile's former military regime has left a naval hospital to begin a prison term for the 1976 assassination of a political opponent in Washington.

Retired Gen. Manuel Contreras' apparent acquiescence ends an uncertain period for Chile. Many saw his earlier vow not to spend "a single day in jail" as a sign that the army was still willing to defy Chile's 5-year-old civilian government.

The navy said in a statement the 66-year-old Contreras asked doctors at its hospital in southern Chile to release him so he could "abide by the court ruling."

He left the hospital in custody, but his whereabouts were not immediately clear. The navy released no details about his destination – expected to be the Punta de Peaco prison, built specifically for fallen officers like Contreras.

Justice Minister Soledad Alvear said an announcement on Contreras' location would be made "at the appropriate time." She said the secrecy in the operation was ordered for security reasons.

Orlando Letelier, who had been a Cabinet member and an envoy to Washington from the leftist government toppled by Gen. Augusto Pinochet in 1973, was killed on Sept. 21, 1976. A bomb blew up the car he was driving in downtown Washington, killing him and his American aide, Ronni Moffitt.

US investigators quickly traced the killing to DINA, the secret police led by Contreras.

Quake shakes central Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) – A strong earthquake rocked central Mexico Friday night, but there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

The quake started at 8:41 p.m. and was felt for about a minute. Bruce Presgrave of the US National Earthquake Information Center estimated it was "at least" magnitude 6.

He said it appears to have been centered in Chiapas, Mexico's poorest and southernmost state, which borders Guatemala.

The quake was felt throughout most of Mexico City, about 640 km northwest, but no major damage was seen to buildings downtown. There was little traffic on the streets.

It was felt from southern Oaxaca state on the Pacific Coast north to Xalapa, the capital of Veracruz state on the Gulf coast.

A reporter from the privately-owned Televisa network, calling from Oaxaca City said the Red Cross and other agencies had no immediate reports of major damage or casualties there.

It also was felt in Villa Hermosa, the capital of Tabasco state on the Gulf Coast.

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To honor the first anniversary of the signing of the peace treaty between the State of Israel and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Today, Sunday, the 22nd of October, beginning at 10:45 a.m., there will take place

A Joint Fly-Over of the Israel Air Force and the Royal Jordanian Air Force in the skies of Israel and Jordan

Helicopters and F-15 and F-16 planes of the Israel Air Force and F-1 and F-5 planes of the Jordanian Air Force will fly in joint formation, according to the following schedule (all times are approximate):

Three Israeli and Jordanian "Black Hawk" and "Super Puma" helicopters will traverse the skies of Tel Aviv and Gush Dan and of Amman at approximately 11:00 a.m. carrying the flags of Israel and Jordan, and a banner with the words "Peace / Shalom."

- Due to limitations of fuel, the fly-over is unable to go south of the Dan region.
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Wingate starts mobile fitness lab

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IF you can't get to the Wingate Institute for a physical fitness checkup, the institute will come to you. Starting in December, a mobile medical and fitness-testing laboratory will be traveling throughout the country and carrying out tests at schools, workplaces and sports facilities.

The unit, costing over $150,000 and donated by 83-year-old San Diego philanthropist Emanuel Fisher, is the first of its kind, according to Dr. Yoni Yarom, head of the sports medicine department at the Wingate physical education center near Netanya.

The white-painted van – with about 14 square meters of floor space – has treadmills, an exercise bicycle and monitoring equipment to determine if people are fit. Such testing is important not only for amateur and professional sportsmen of all ages, but also for those with physically stressful jobs and employers who want to ensure that their workers don't suffer from a condition that could prove dangerous.

Yarom says the unit will be manned by a doctor, a driver and three technicians. When customers ask for lectures on diet and physical fitness, additional Wingate staffers will be added. The air-conditioned mobile unit will offer 45-minnte tests and produce written results on the spot. It is geared for dealing with groups, and will charge between NIS 60 and NIS 140 per individual, depending on the size of the group.

For more information about the mobile unit, call (09) 639407.

Post-surgery chill normal

Rx FOR READERS

POST HEALTH REPORTER

I had abdominal surgery and shivered uncontrollably after coming out of the anesthetic, even though it was warm in the recovery room. Is this normal? What causes it? T.C., Ashdod.

Prof. Shamay Cotev, director of anesthesiology at Jerusalem's Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem, replies:

Surgery, especially major operations with a long period under anesthetics, often brings down the core temperature of the body, that is, not only the skin temperature but that inside the body. This is caused by loss of control by the section of the brain responsible for temperature regulation. This may be the cause of your shivering. When patients shiver after an operation, we usually cover them with extra blankets.

Another explanation may be that certain volatile anesthetics can cause shaking even if the core temperature has not fallen. But most people who undergo surgery are not aware of this shaking, because it occurs during the first 20 minutes after surgery when they are not fully conscious. A third possibility is that you may have received some local or regional anesthetic in addition to the general anesthetic. Some of these have some toxicity and can cause shivering.

Does mineral water from the Golan Heights or abroad have any health benefits? Some claim to lower high blood pressure, to have dietary benefits and to be good for your skin. M.B., Ashkelon.

Olga Raz, chief dietician at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital, replies:

Mineral water may be tastier, because it is not chlorinated, but we know of no health benefits such as those you mentioned.

Rx For Readers *welcomes queries from readers about medical problems. Experts will answer those we find most interesting, and replies will be printed in the twice-monthly column on the* Health Page.

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Study: Hospitals have far to go in considering rights of patients

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

ISRAEL is probably at least two decades behind the US in considering the rights and privileges of hospital patients and regarding them as consumers of medical services rather than merely as someone to be treated.

Until recently, health funds here tended to refer their members to the hospitals the insurers chose, instead of letting the patient and the physician make this decision.

Patients who complained about dirty bathrooms and unappetizing food were regarded as spoiled, and they were expected to do what they were told without questioning doctors or nurses.

But things are changing.

The current process of turning public hospitals into self-sustained entities is forcing hospital administrators to seek patient approval. Patients are more aware of their rights and more eager to have a voice in decisions relating to their treatment.

A survey conducted by the JDC-Brookdale Institute in Jerusalem of nearly 3,500 recently discharged patients holds up a mirror to 10 general hospitals.

The just-published research was carried out two years ago by Dan Yuval, Bruce Rosen, David Chinitz and Oren Kugelmass. In the coming weeks, they will begin a follow-up study to see what changes have taken place in the hospitals since then as a result of the national health insurance system, increased competition and other major shifts in health policies.

The 19-page paper should be studied carefully by Health Ministry decision makers, health fund administrators and – of course – hospital directors.

The researchers chose 10 government and Kupat Holim Clalit hospitals throughout the country (but not in Jerusalem, where hospitals are owned and run by voluntary organizations).

The institutions were Ichilov in Tel Aviv, Assaf Harofe in Tzrifin, Beilinson in Petah Tikva, Barzilai in Ashkelon, Nahariya Hospital, Meir in Kfar Sava, Kaplan in Rehovot and Rambam, Bnai Zion and Carmel hospitals in Haifa. These comprise 47% of all the general hospital beds in the country.



A surprising 37% of patients said they had 'little or no help' from hospital staffers. (Debbi Cooper)

Some 350 patients from each hospital who were hospitalized for at least two days received a detailed questionnaire in the mail not long after they were discharged.

Each envelope contained a letter from the hospital director stressing the importance of participating in the survey, and staffers called patients to encourage their return. In the final count, 81% of those queried responded to the survey. The participants included Arabic- and Russian-speaking patients, as well as Hebrew speakers.

The patients spent an average of six days in the hospital, and half of them were in "serious or very serious" condition upon admission. Sixty percent of those surveyed were women, 45% were over the age of 60 and 86% were Jewish.

The survey indicates that patients are often involved in the process of deciding where they want to be hospitalized; this is especially true of pregnant women going to the hospital to deliver their babies and less so of patients treated in surgical and internal-medicine departments.

The researchers found that health funds, family doctors and patients are all involved in the process of choosing a hospital. Patients were most interested in the quality of nursing care, the hospital's medical reputation and the reputation of the relevant department.

One in seven patients had to wait more than three months to be hospitalized, while nearly a quarter said the hospital postponed their planned date of admission.

According to US patient surveys, many people are dissatisfied by the lack of a senior doctor in charge who is accessible and willing to talk about their case. The Brookdale researchers found that the problem is even more acute here, because the patient's personal doctor doesn't continue to treat him in the hospital and because there is no tradition of the patient choosing which hospital doctor will take care of him.

There were wide variations in the quality of physical facilities in the hospitals. Thirteen percent of patients spent considerable time lying in corridors instead of the ward, while 24% reported being one of at least five in a room. Conditions were generally least comfortable in internal-medicine departments, which tend to treat more elderly, chronically ill patients.

Only 43% of the respondents said they received much help from hospital staffers, while 20% complained about only moderate help and a surprising 37% of "little or no help."

At the same time, a little over half said they received a great degree of help from family or friends. Although medical treatment is supposedly free, 14% of patients said they spent money for medical equipment, medications and treatments not covered by the health funds, a private nurse or "jumping the queue" (black medicine). About one in 10 was asked to bring medications or equipment from home.

Eighteen percent said they were discharged "too early" (compared to only 11% in a comparable survey of patients in US hospitals). Only 4% in the Brookdale survey said they spent more time than necessary in the hospital. Patients in internal-medicine departments and those who underwent surgery were more likely to think they were sent home prematurely.

Half of all patients said they returned to "normal functioning" after recovery, while nearly 60% said the state of their health significantly improved as a result of hospitalization.

Over 70% of the patients said they would recommend the hospital to others and were satisfied or very satisfied with their stay (compared to 80% in an equivalent survey in the US), but there was a 28% gap between the best hospitals and the worst.

Russian immigrants were more pleased on average than the veteran Israeli population, and Arabs were as pleased as Jews, except for Arab women in obstetrics/gynecology departments, who were less satisfied.

Asked to grade hospital services on a scale of one to five, patients were most happy with medical and nursing care, and least satisfied with food, parking, cleanliness and other "hotel" services. Many patients complained about having little to keep them busy in their free time.

The Brookdale research team provided each of the 10 participating hospitals with a detailed report of their own institution that compares them with the other nine. They have also held meetings with the managements of the hospitals to help them identify problem areas, and the findings have been presented at a special seminar organized by the Health Ministry.

The survey points up the need to keep the finger on the pulse of the public hospitals over the coming months and years to see whether patient care improves or suffers under tightened budgets of health funds and major reorganizations being carried out in the health system.



Travelers are advised to drink frequently, refrain from alcohol and smoking, remove tight clothing and walk through the aisles.

Move around in plane to avoid blood clots

HEALTH SCAN

POST HEALTH REPORTER

FASTEN your seatbelts when your plane takes off, but in the air you are advised to move around to reduce the risk of thromboembolic events – blood clots in the lungs, legs or other organs due to lack of movement for many hours.

Such "events" may even be life threatening.

This is the conclusion of Drs. Yair Levy, Jacob George and Yehuda Scheinfeld of Sheba Hospital's internal medicine department, who wrote their warning in the latest issue of the *Israel Journal of Medical Sciences.*

These incidents are rare, considering how many people fly today, but they still occur. The doctors report on two cases, one a 46-year-old man who developed chest pains and fever after a 10-hour flight and the other a 72-year-old man who suffered from swelling in his right thigh after 16 hours in the air.

Both were heavy smokers. Scans led to the discovery of clots, which were treated in time with drugs that "thin" the blood.

The authors call the phenomenon the "economy-class syndrome," as people with little leg space in a jet plane's less-expensive seats are more likely to suffer such "events" than passengers in roomy first-class seats.

They are not unique to air travel, having been reported during long-distance travel in cars and trains as well. Smoking, dehydration due to controlled low humidity in the plane, and drinking alcohol can contribute to the development of clots in sedentary passengers.

They advise travelers to drink water or soft drinks frequently, refrain from alcohol consumption and smoking, remove tight clothing (including socks) and walk through the aisles when permitted. Some experts recommend that high-risk patients take aspirin to "thin" the blood.

MAN-MADE ENZYME FOR GAUCHER'S

A synthetic enzyme has been found as successful as the natural substance – extracted from placentas – in the treatment of Gaucher's disease.

The hereditary disorder, which affects Jews and others, causes faulty processing of fat in the body and produces fragile bones and disorders of the liver, spleen and bone marrow.

For several years, patients have been treated with Ceredase, a very expensive drug containing the natural enzyme. But scientists worked hard to develop a genetically engineered form of the enzyme, glucosyl brosidase, to eliminate the small risk that an unidentified virus from the drug might infect the recipient.

In addition, the natural enzyme has to be given every few days to be most effective, while the synthetic form need be administered only once a fortnight.

Dr. Arie Zimran, head of the Gaucher's disease unit at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital, recently reported in the British journal *The Lancet* that the synthetic enzyme is every bit as good as the natural substance.

He tried the genetically engineered drug on 10 of his Gaucher's patients, while others participated in clinical trials at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York and the US National Institutes of Health in Maryland.

All the 10 patients who took the synthetic enzyme showed beneficial shrinkage of the spleen and liver and an increase in hemoglobin and the number of red-blood cells.

No side effects or complications of any kind were noted. Half of them underwent the treatment three times a week, while the others received the same dose once in two weeks.

Results in both groups were equally positive, Zimran reported. He also found that giving a quarter of the dose used in the US studies was as effective as the much-larger dose. Although costs were reduced, they remain very high.

The synthetic form has been approved by the US Food and Drug Administration and by the Health Ministry for treatment of Gaucher's patients.

WHO report shows good quality of life here

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

STEP on top of the 537-page volume, *Concern for Europe's Tomorrow,* for a macrocosmic view of the health problems facing the 50 countries that are members of the World Health Organization's European region. From this vantage point, the health and quality of life of Israelis look pretty good.

The massive volume, full of statistics and graphs comparing the member states, has just been published by the WHO region to sum up the threats to health and environment as we enter the 21st century. During last month's regional annual meeting in Jerusalem, regional director Dr. J.E. Asvall hailed the volume as a giant undertaking and the first of its kind. One would hope that our own decision makers, from the health and environment ministers on down, will at least skim the book, even though it is in English.

Israel has for some time been a member of the WHO's European region, after abandoning the Eastern Mediterranean region due to prolonged hostility from its Middle Eastern neighbors. The peace agreement with Jordan and the Palestinians has not led to any decision to leave the European region, Health Minister Ephraim Sneh said during the annual meeting. Because it is an industrialized, developed country, Israel has more in common with the countries of Western Europe, but Sneh said we nevertheless plan to carry out joint health projects with our neighbors in this region.

The European region has changed dramatically during the past five years. The collapse of the Soviet Union exposed the Communist giant's neglect of medical and environmental conditions in Russia and especially in its backward republics. These now-independent countries are all separate entities, greatly increasing the region's membership rolls. Czechoslovakia split into two countries and West and East Germany melded into one. Poland, Romania and other Eastern European countries also became free nations with backward social and health services. These "countries in transition" (as they are called in the volume) comprise fully half of the 850 million people living in the European region today.

Money for the region's health services is so tight that WHO director-general Dr. Hiroshi Nakajima asked the wealthy member states to make a voluntary contribution in addition to their national WHO dues.

The volume is an encyclopedic repository of data and policy-making procedures on a large variety of subjects: water supply and quality; demographics; economics; air pollution; life expectancy and causes of death; exposure to chemicals; contamination of food and drink; solid waste disposal, radiation; occupational health; housing and indoor and urban environments; accidents; and even noise pollution.

Some of the statistics are meaningless and unexplained, such as the fact that Israel has by far the lowest percentage of centrally heated apartments in the area (this is, of course, due to the warm climate and the fact that individual heating is regarded as more efficient and convenient than central heating). However, these are a tiny minority.

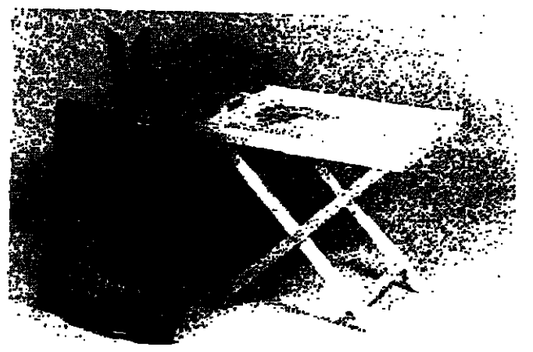
With a per-capita gross national product of $11,950 (in 1991), Israel is among the "high-income countries" and way ahead of the former Soviet republics, with per-capita GNP of around $1,000 to $2,400. But we're still far from the likes of Iceland ($23,170), Sweden ($25,110) or Switzerland ($33,610).

As far as urbanization goes, over 90% of our population lives in non-agricultural areas, which is at the top along with residents of the United Kingdom and Belgium. Albania, by comparison, is only 35% urbanized. Eighty percent of Israelis live in apartment blocks, at the top of the list and ahead of Switzerland (74%), Lithuania (70%) and way ahead of Norway (18%).

The Eastern European members have air polluted not only with industrial contaminants, but also with tobacco smoke: in Latvia, for example, nearly 70% of the men smoke, compared to fewer than 40% of Israeli men. But we do have some reason to be ashamed of our infant mortality rate, which is below the middle of the list: 10 deaths per 1,000 live births, compared to six in Iceland, seven in Germany, eight in Italy, 12 in Portugal, 22 in Russia and 23 in Romania. Israel has among the lowest suicide rates, which are positively exploding in countries like Hungary and Finland.

Although there is a specific reference to the water-supply deficit in Israel, piped-in water is available to nearly everyone in urban and rural areas, compared to as low as 45% in Greece. In addition, the sewage system here is only a dream for residents of Turkey and the former Soviet republics. One surprising finding is that the annual production per capita of municipal waste is over 600 kilos here, way ahead of 23 other developed and developing countries (only 400 kilos in the UK and 260 kilos in Finland, for example).

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Pre-Amman visions

ADDRESSING business leaders on Thursday in preparation for the Amman conference, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres painted an enticing picture of peace and prosperity in the region. He seemed to take for granted that the realization of his dream – a New Middle East patterned after Benelux – is imminent, and that borders between Israel and its neighbors are close to becoming irrelevant.

War is virtually unthinkable now that Israel has peace treaties with Egypt and Jordan, Peres said. And Israel may want to compensate for its shrinking size by placing vital parts of its infrastructure – canals, railroad lines, highways – across its neighbors' borders. It is already planning to turn Taba, Eilat and Akaba into one free tourist zone, in which vacationers will move from one country to the other without border formalities. And discussions of a Dead Sea park and tourist hotels mutually run by Israel and Jordan are also under way.

Several Arab leaders, including President Hosni Mubarak, have warned that such visions tend to scare the Arab world, on whose development maps Israel's name has yet to appear. And US Ambassador Martin Indyk, aware of this, said on Thursday that Israel's role in the region's development must be balanced. "Israel's large and dynamic economy, advanced industries, and highly skilled work force are both attractive and intimidating to its Arab neighbors," he cautioned.

But Israelis have other worries, too. Those who are not quite convinced that utopia will arrive at the millennium may be less sanguine than Peres about such notions as a free tourist zone. They are concerned less about intimidating Israel's neighbors than about Palestinians, Iraqis, Libyans and Iranians who will be able to enter Jordan and then move freely into Israel through Eilat with no border inspection.

And even those who agree with Peres that Egypt and Jordan will honor their peace treaties may find Israeli dependence on an infrastructure outside the state's borders less than reassuring. There are, after all, other leaders in the neighborhood, whose capacity for being less reasonable than King Hussein and Mubarak is an established fact of life.

Above all, it is difficult not to wonder how the Arabs, and particularly the Palestinians, perceive Peres's vision. They may truly fear Israeli economic hegemony in the region. It would not be the first time that they believe their own propaganda.

But it is even more likely that Peres's grand gestures are perceived not as a victor's largesse but as the retreat of the weary. Commentator on Arab affairs Ehud Ya'ari, whose contacts in the Arab world are probably second to none, recently wrote in *The Jerusalem Report*, "Arabs detect a large degree of fatigue on our part, a strong desire among the Israeli middle class to quit the battle... So strong is the Israelis' desire to disengage from the conflict, in Arab eyes, that one Palestinian said in a private conversation, 'Israel is chasing herself out!'"

For years, Palestinian leaders have been telling American diplomats that by backing Israel the US is betting on the wrong horse. The Arabs are here to stay, they say, while Israel will be lucky if it lasts as long as the Crusaders' kingdom in the Middle Ages. Both Syrian dictator Hafez Assad and Yasser Arafat believe that "Israeli superiority is conjectural and temporal," as Ya'ari puts it. And Ya'ari – a certified dove – also believes that the best description of Arafat's attitude to the peace agreement was given by head of research of military intelligence, Brig.-Gen Ya'akov Amidror, who has said, "to Arafat the peace agreement is *drek*."

It would tax the sanguinity of Voltaire's Dr. Pangloss to reconcile such an attitude with Peres's vision of a Middle Eastern Benelux.

Nostalgia conquers vision

RUSSIAN Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev appears to be following in the footsteps of Mikhail Gorbachev as a man praised and admired abroad and treated with contempt at home. The contempt has obviously reached the top – President Boris Yeltsin first offhandedly told reporters he intended to fire Kozyrev, only to withdraw the threat just as casually the next day.

Now Yeltsin thinks Kozyrev needs a deputy to ease his burdens (not the least of which appears to be his boss.) The whole episode was a humiliating slap for a man who has given Yeltsin unswerving loyalty since becoming foreign minister in the twilight of the Soviet Union in 1990, and it can only weaken his authority. (Some say Yeltsin has not forgiven him for privately opposing the war in Chechniya.)

Kozyrev backed Yeltsin in his controversial slashing of strategic weapons and built firm international relationships for the newborn Russian Federation, particularly with the United Nations and the Group of Seven industrialized nations. Despite the collapse of Russia's military machine and its dire economic and political problems, he has managed to keep and even to raise respect overseas for his troubled country.

Paradoxically, these very services in the interests of maintaining Russia's influence abroad have led to him being vilified at home as a weakling and a poodle of the West. In December 1992 he shocked a major international gathering in Stockholm with a fire-eating speech worthy of the Cold War, only to admit afterwards that he did so only as an exercise in warning the West of the grave dangers of trying to bulldoze Russia too hastily into a market economy. His tactic has returned to haunt him, for his nationalistic countrymen wanted the confrontation to be true and the conciliation to be abandoned.

This is a grave mistake that in turn may haunt Russia itself, for Kozyrev is a 1990s realist and his pathways of moderation, cooperation, and friendship with the West are the only ones that will lead anywhere for Russians. In many ways, the nationalistic yearning of Russians for Soviet greatness mirrors that often heard in the United States for the good old American values of the 1950s. But it would appear that, unlike the mass of Americans, Russians still mistake nostalgia for policy. They have all too quickly forgotten that the "good old days" were once known as "these trying times."

If Yeltsin's erratic attempts to outflank the rabid nationalists (ironically now labeled rightists, rather than the unrepentant communists they are) continues, his countrymen may indeed move closer to their nostalgic yearnings. It will then be too late to remind them that, along with a national power that alarms the West, comes a state dictatorship that makes fear a part of their everyday lives. And if they think their present economic struggle is uncomfortable, they should ponder the cost of a resurgent military trying to catch up with the advanced West in a new arms race to some vague megalomanic utopia that never existed and never will.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MARCH OF FOLLY

Sir, – In his book, French diplomat and historian Jean-Pierre Valognes writes: "Islam cannot accept...success of those who do not share Islam's values. While appropriating to itself the heritage of the Christians, Islam has incarcerated them within the status of "protected" minority..As to lay Arab nationalism, far from opening to the Christians the road to integration, it has added new restrictions on them – of an ethnic and cultural nature – over and above their old religious segregation which never ceased to exist.

"Will there still be Christians in the Orient in the third millennium? Yes, no doubt, but they will no longer count for anything. Without the source of support which was available to them in the Lebanon, where they used to march with their heads held high, they will have no choice but to model themselves on the dominant values in order to survive, and will no longer act as Christians.

"One of the longest battles in history is about to be lost."

Perusing the book, I was reminded of a report of the Middle East Council of Churches, calling for action to promote Christian-Moslem coexistence as a means of combating increasing emigration of Christians from the region. It should be noted in contrast that the Christian population of Israel has increased about fivefold since 1948.

In view of all this, one is at a loss to understand the policy of some western countries which seemingly prefer Arafat and his Islamic Jihad and Hamas friends to the Israelis as rulers of eastern Jerusalem. Am I mistaken, or are we witnessing here a new western March of Folly?

BEVERLY STEELE
Jerusalem.

THE REFUGEE PROBLEM

Sir, – Reading Mark Heller's recent article, "Daunting challenge of return," I was left wondering why you printed this without it even mentioning the Jewish refugees who were made to leave their homes in Arab countries penniless, both before and after 1948. In effect, a population exchange has taken place, initiated from both sides by Arab pressure.

What should have been stressed, to my mind, is the financial aspect – the value of the properties on both sides abandoned or sold below cost, as balanced between those in Palestine having belonged to Arabs, and those in various Arab countries which had belonged to Jews.

The one-sided mention of various aspects of the Arab refugee problem only does not seem to advance matters at all. At the very least, you should have printed it under the heading "The Arab refugee problem," and it would be much more helpful if you could soon publish an article with this in mind – to balance things out.

MAURICE A. HARTOG
Haifa.

UNSCOP

Sir, – "I was the first human being ever to see an international document specifically calling for the establishment of a Jewish state. It was September 1, 1947 in Geneva, when the UN Special Committee on Palestine handed me the report which subsequently secured great power recognition and Israeli implementation." Thus, Abba Eban in his article on October 13.

Really? The members of the UN Special Committee, the members of the subcommittees, the drafting staff, not to speak of the typists – all these were not human beings?

CARL ALPERT
Haifa.



A way out of crisis

ELIE REKHESS

THE Knesset election campaign in the Arab sector has already vigorously begun. While the Zionist parties seem relaxed and self-assured regarding their prospects of winning Arab votes, the non-Zionist, Arab-oriented camp is in turmoil.

Abdel Wahab Darawshe's Democratic Arab Party and the Communist-dominated Hadash are facing serious organizational and political challenges. The Israel-PLO agreements have shattered their ideological programs and blurred the differences between them.

The DAP and Hadash are struggling with leadership problems, personal rivalries, and lack of interaal cohesion.

The present state of weakness and impotence of the Arab political system calls for the emergence of a new unifying force which could fill the political vacuum.

The Islamic Movement in Israel seems to have the potential to provide the necessary cohesive bond, but its internal divisions have led it to the decision to abstain from direct participation in the elections.

Another potential contender for the leadership role is Dr. Ahmed Tibi, who intends to establish a new Arab party. But his opponents doubt whether he can deliver the goods.

The controversial Tibi is a shrewd, experienced politician, a "media-magician" who has been given extensive exposure in the press, and on radio and TV. However, Arab commentators claim his heated debates on TV talk shows will have little effect on the voters.

Tibi wants to set up a comprehensive Arab list which will represent the Israeli Arabs' socio-economic, political, cultural, and religious traits. But this is not an easy task.

Israeli Arab society is deeply divided by endless controversies and rivalries. Tibi was counting on the full support of the Islamic Movement, but his association with the fundamentalist trend has alienated potential Christian and secular Moslem supporters.

The Islamists themselves are in disagreement over whether or not to cooperate with Tibi. Tibi is backed by one Islamic faction, headed by Sheikh Abdallah Darwish – but a rival, much more radical group led by Sheikh Kamal Khatib staunchly rejects him and accuses him of being a Palestinian Authority stooge, personally financed by Yasser Arafat. It is noteworthy that Tibi's projected party has not yet been formally founded. The delay may be tactical, but it may also reflect difficulties.

Tibi may have the charisma of a born leader, his opponents say, but he lacks the troops. Without an active membership running

Can Ahmed Tibi prove the unifying force Israel's divided Arabs seek?

party institutions and functioning branches in Arab towns and villages, it is doubtful whether he can take off. Tibi promised to complete the administrative preparations in due time, but with less than a year to go until elections, he will certainly have to rush.

POLITICALLY, Tibi's biggest electoral asset is his intimate relationship with Arafat. In the 1970s, a senior Arab academic commented recently, this alliance would easily have gained him Knesset seats. Today, however, while the Palestinian-nationalist fervor is still attractive, Israeli Arabs are equally concerned with their struggle for full equality within Israeli society.

Tibi is also committed to the civil rights issue, but his opponents claim that he is detached from the daily hardships of the Arab population. Instead, they argue, he is more preoccupied with PA-Hamas affairs.

Despite this criticism, Tibi's capabilities and potential power shouldn't be underestimated. He is exceptionally energetic, and works relentlessly to accomplish his political goals. Neither should his optimism be dismissed.

Indeed, Palestinian loyalty isn't what it was. But massive support for Tibi's list by Chairman Arafat might be warmly welcomed by Israeli Arabs, and it would enhance his position.

One shouldn't, moreover, disregard the possibility that the Islamic Movement may reverse its position regarding elections. And a decision by Hamas, for example, to join the election race in the West Bank and Gaza could persuade its Israeli counterpart to act similarly within the Green Line, a move which could improve Tibi's standing.

The threshold for the next Knesset elections stands at approximately 46,000 votes, presenting a considerable challenge to all Arab competitors. A fragmented and factionalized Arab electorate could result in the loss of tens of thousands of votes to lists unable to pass the threshold, and thus could prevent the Labor-led coalition from being reinstated. The threshold barrier could, therefore, bring strange bedfellows together.

It is rather far-fetched to believe that Tibi's list might merge with, say, Darawshe's. Yet, as election day draws nearer, and unless other secret deals get struck (rumor has it that Tibi negotiated with Meretz and with Haim Ramon) Tibi may perform the unifying act. He would do so by creating a roof organization, in the form of a front or alliance, inviting the others to join as equal partners, but under his leadership.

Such an initiative would probably win the blessing of the PA, the Islamic Movement, and possibly also the Labor Party.

In the 1996 elections, more perhaps than anytime in the past, the Arab vote could determine which party forms the next government. The crisis of the Arab political system and the way it is resolved may thus have far-reaching, perhaps even dramatic, repercussions for the future of Israeli politics.

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PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



This is not a scene one sees every day: three Chinese Buddhist monks say their prayers as they take off on a bungee jump in Vancouver. (AP)

POSTSCRIPTS

THIS THEY call art – a listing of exhibitions in *The New Yorker* included this:

"Joel-Peter Witkin – Horror has never been more seductive than it is in these sharp images of hideously mutilated corpses (real ones, from a morgue in Mexico City) that have been propped up in carefully art-directed pseudo-Victorian sets. It's hardly surprising that so many people loath Witkin's photographs – living creatures hate death. The work, however, has an essential property of great art: it astonishes."

A JUDGE threw out assault charges against a restaurant cook accused of lacing two policemen's eggs with hot pepper sauce.

Michael Towne, 20, of Concord, New Hampshire, had been charged with simple assault after the state troopers complained that the Tabasco sauce made them sick. One trooper ate his entire meal; the other ate most of his.

The judge ruled that their consumption of their food amounted to consent "to the contact of the Tabasco with their palate." He also said simple assault requires physical contact and is not "based on such a subjective standard as an individual's tolerance for certain foods."

Let's get serious

STEPHEN BLOCH

THE call came at twenty minutes to midnight.

"Mr. Bloch? This is the emergency ward at Hadassah Ein Kerem. Your wife has been involved in a serious car accident. It would be a good idea if you came over as soon as possible."

With those ghastly words running through my mind, I arranged for a neighbor to stay with my four sleeping children and took a taxi for the journey to the hospital, chilling for the utter uncertainty of its conclusion.

When I arrived at Ein Kerem, my wife lay unconscious, connected up to all sorts of drips and electronic equipment. She was receiving blood. First she was X-rayed from head to toe. Then came a CAT scan to check for brain damage, an ultra-sound examination of vital organs, and, finally, an exhaustive orthopedic examination to determine if there were skeletal, spinal and general bone fractures or disorders.

My wife survived by a miracle. Many road accident victims aren't so lucky

In all, the process took nearly four hours, by which time the doctors concurred that they had to operate to remove an irreparably damaged spleen which was causing internal bleeding, and piece together a liver which had been significantly damaged.

At 6:30 the next morning, I wearily returned home, thanking God for his abundant kindness.

For without exception – from the doctors to the ambulance driver, to the police rescue squad – all told me that a miracle had occurred. My wife would be completely well. They had all expected much, much worse.

These events would be unexceptionable, but for one telling point: They are the sort of thing experienced by countless people in this country every day of the year. It's time it stopped happening.

The details of my wife's crash typify the reasons behind Israel's disgraceful road carnage.

She had been driving in the middle of the city in Jerusalem at 9:30 p.m., and had apparently unwittingly driven through a stop sign. An Egged bus, driving way too fast and with no possible hope of stopping, plowed into the side of her car, bulldozing the car for 30 meters before finally slamming it into a tree. It took rescue workers nearly an hour to extricate my wife.

MY WIFE erred. But in 11 years of driving, she had never been found guilty of a single traffic violation. One mistake had nearly cost her her life.

Which of us hasn't inadvertently made an error of judgment on the road? We are only human. But all of us know the major hazard on roads in this country: the sheer speed at which motorists drive, particularly bus and truck drivers.

In the past year, a first cousin was hospitalized for three months after a head-on collision with an oil tanker which rammed her vehicle at speed; and the young children of two different friends were run over outside their homes by speeding drivers.

We will never entirely educate young children not to run across a road after a ball. But we can force vehicles to slow down, giving drivers more time, and minimizing the damage of impact.

In my home state of Victoria, the government finally put its foot down nearly 20 years ago. There, the dual killers were alcohol and speed. The drink-driving problem was addressed by massive education and advertising campaigns. The speed issue was tackled by an enormous investment in radar technology and intersection cameras. In suburban areas, road humps were introduced on a large scale.

Today, wherever you drive in Melbourne, and almost anywhere in the state, if you speed, you will be fined. Heavily. There's no way to avoid it.

Despite a vast increase in the number of vehicles on the road, the road toll has been more than halved.

The time has come for our government to stop playing around the edges.

Speed kills. Let's do something about it.

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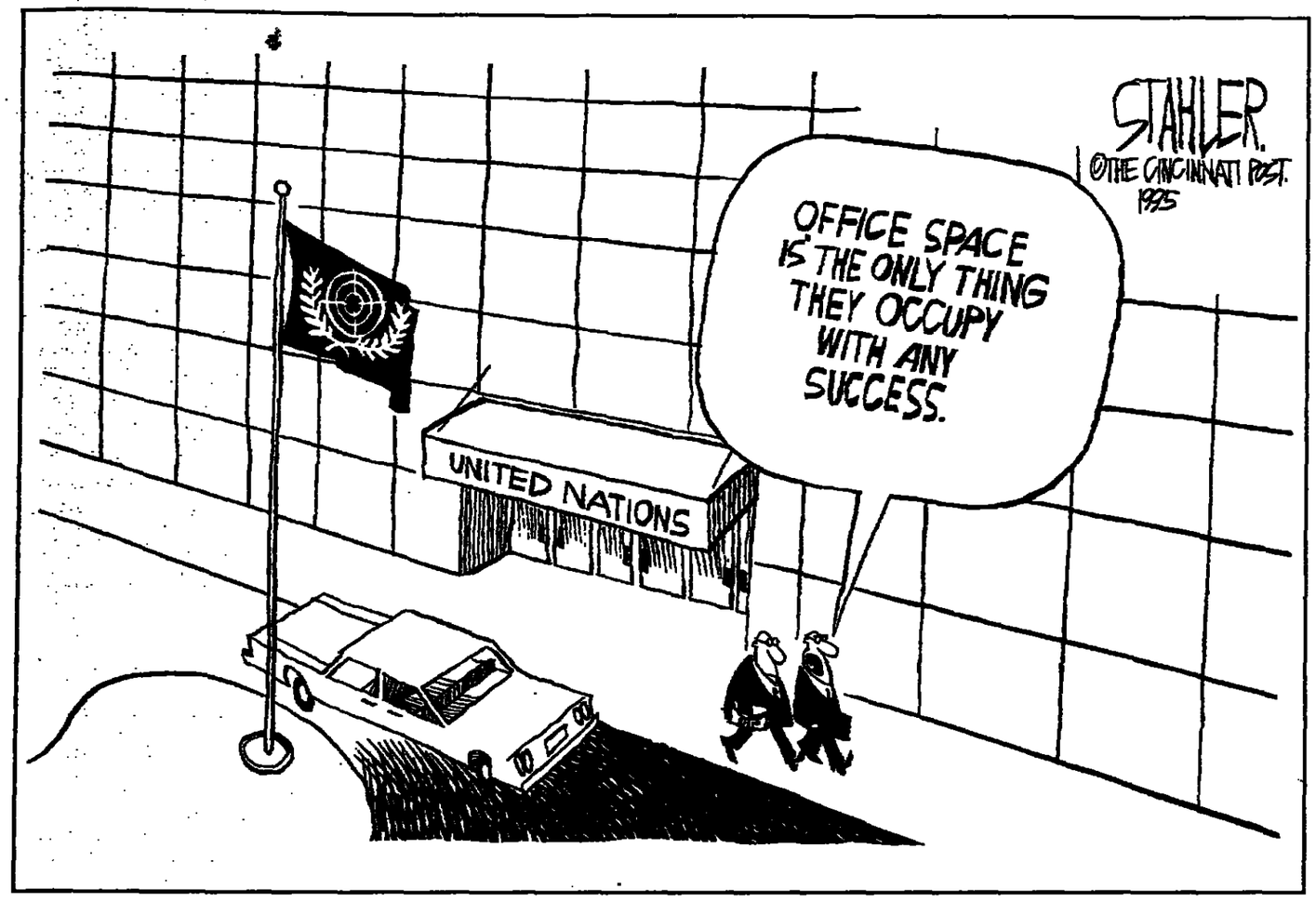
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United we stand

Bosnian crisis interrupts anniversary

BY ROBERT WRIGHT

The 50th anniversary of the United Nations's founding has come at an awkward time. The main purpose of the U.N., after all, is to keep the peace. And the U.N.'s most prominent current involvement is in Bosnia, where, notwithstanding some recent auspicious signs, peace has not generally been kept. Those of us with high hopes for the U.N. have some explaining to do.

The U.N.'s core peacekeeping doctrine is collective security, the idea that an attack on any member nation is an attack on all. In cases of trans-border aggression, the Security Council is supposed to authorize a concerted war against the aggressor.

Collective security didn't fail in Bosnia; it was never tried. Although Bosnian Serbs from the beginning got active support from Serbia, neither Boutros Boutros Ghali nor President Bush ever conceived the matter as trans-border aggression. And, though I've argued ad nauseum that Bush and Boutros Ghali should have defined the situation this way, I must admit that the premise of trans-border aggression would have been in some ways technical. The Bosnian conflict is largely a civil war, and the U.N. wasn't designed to stop civil wars. Indeed, the dirty little secret about the 1992 intervention in Somalia's civil war — another commonly cited U.N. "failure" — is that it had no firm legal basis in the U.N charter.

Certainly we can blame Boutros Ghali (and Bush) for much of what happened in Somalia and Bosnia — and we can hope both events are now etched in the U.N's memory. (Lesson: don't place troops amid hostilities unless they're there to take sides, as U.N.-authorized NATO warplanes finally started quasi-doing in Bosnia.) But it's silly to act as if the Somalian and Bosnian messes reveal inherent U.N flaws. Derelict leadership makes any institution look bad.

If the U.N isn't supposed to handle problems as diffusely messy as the Somalian crisis, what is it supposed to handle? Oh, for example: If some Iraqi dictator invaded a dinky country, then the Security-Council could authorize bombing his nation into rubble. U.N. critics love to dismiss this American-led exercise of collective security as unilateralism in disguise. Well, first of all, tell that to the various non-American soldiers who died rolling back Iraqi aggression. Second, the U.N.'s imprimatur — the aura of international law and consensus — brought something raw unilateralism would have lacked: political cover for Saudi Arabia, which furnished us with bases in defiance of Arab opposition. For the great powers to thus use the U.N. as a tool to keep pipsqueak troublemakers in line is exactly what the U.N.'s designers, including FDR, had in mind.

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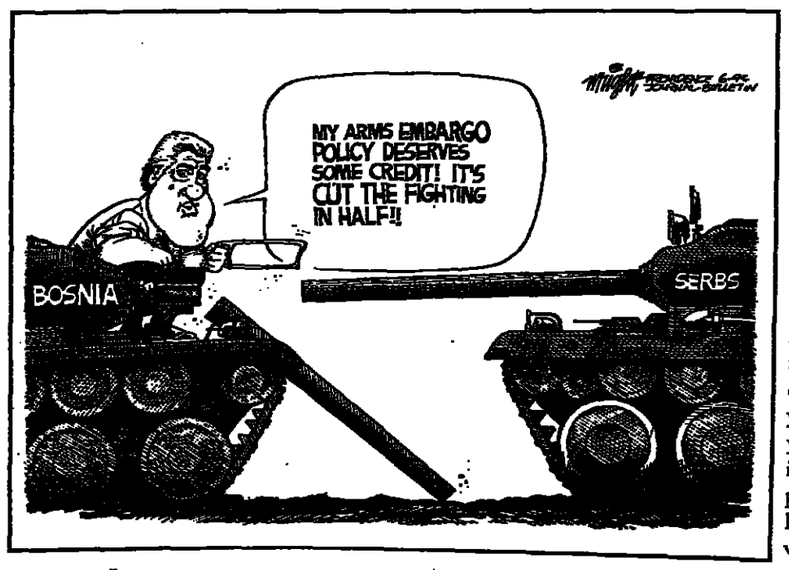
Obviously, if 50 years from now the United States is still the only great power that stirs the U.N. to action, and the nation that always supplies the lion's share of the manpower and firepower, then the idea of collective security will have failed to mature. But for now I'll settle for this remarkable first step: Since the cold war ended, there's been one clear-cut opportunity for collective security to work, and it did.

The end of the cold war coincides auspiciously with the era of microchip weaponry. For the great powers to play globo-cop via the U.N. used to mean taking heavy casualties in wars that struck the public as remote to their vital interests. But, as both the Persian Gulf and Bosnian wars show, the west's technological hegemony now allows it to intervene by air with precision, power, and low risk of bodily harm. Indeed, if Bosnia were a simple case of trans-border aggression, and we simply wanted to keep up the air strikes until the Bosnians routed the Serbs, that would be easy in both military and domestic political terms.

There's no denying that the U.N faces big problems. (1) National disintegration may now be a more common problem than trans-border aggression. (2) Though the great-power veto isn't as paralyzing as it was during the Cold War, it still means the U.N won't act in all cases of trans-border aggression. (Ideally, any elevation of Germany and Japan to a permanent Security Council seat would entail changing the veto threshold from one permanent member out of five to two out of seven.)

So, OK: The U.N. can't cure all ills — can't even punish all acts of trans-border aggression. Sometimes, maybe often, we'll have to act without it. But I fail to see what's wrong with trying to help the U.N evolve — using it wisely when it can help us and the world, and discouraging its unwise use (e.g., "peacekeeping" amid civil war).

With the end of the cold war and the coming of microelectronic warfare, U.N-mediated collective security is more plausible than ever before. Granted, that's not saying much. But it's something. Whether you want to build on it depends on your basic disposition. Do you like the idea of the U.N., the idea of the world's races and nations collaborating in the cause of peace and justice? Do you like this idea so much that you're willing to support a pale imitation of it, so long as progress is being made, however haltingly? Or is the idea of universal brotherhood, even in a rather legalistic and theoretical incarnation, just too hopelessly corny, too obviously at odds with human nature and world history? For some of us, that's part of the appeal.



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The role of money in the Simpson case

BY ALAN DERSHOWITZ

Among the most frequently voiced criticisms of the legal system generated by the Simpson verdict is that money determines the outcome of cases. There is, in fact, an important kernel of truth in this criticism, but it must be placed in its proper perspective.

There are several possible reference points against which the amount of money spent by the Simpson defense — which published reports have placed at below $4 million — can be compared. The first, and the one most often mentioned, is the contrast with other less affluent defendants. Simpson spent many times more than the typical defendant even in capital cases. Indeed, most defendants facing the ultimate punishment are indigent and many states enforce severe limitations on the amount of money for which their court-appointed lawyers will be compensated. This does not mean that their appointed lawyers cannot spend as much money as they choose, but it will have to come from their own pockets. I know this from personal experience, since I litigated a death penalty case on behalf of two brothers for more than 10 years, and spent tens of thousands of dollars of my own money on their defense. Ultimately, the death sentence was reversed, but not without thousands of hours of uncompensated time from a team of volunteer lawyers and students. Few death row inmates have access to lawyers willing to spend their own time and money to save their lives. Most are relegated to a single, inexperienced lawyer, with no budget for investigation and a cap of several thousand dollars for the case.

This disparity is not fair! But the victim of this unfairness is the indigent defendant who is denied the resources to challenge the prosecution's case against him. The remedy is not to bring affluent defendants like O.J. Simpson down to the level of indigent defendants, by placing a spending cap on wealthy defendants as some have proposed. Indigent defendants would not benefit from a cap on wealthy defendants. Indeed, they, too, would be hurt, since the resources spent by wealthy defendants often help all defendants. For example, the challenges directed by the Simpson defense team against the ineptitude of the Los Angeles forensic labs will assist indigent defendants in making similar challenges.

This brings us to the second basis of comparison — between the resources available to affluent defendants like Simpson and the resources available to the prosecution. Here, there is absolutely no comparison. The prosecution always has more resources than the defense, even when the defendant is an O.J. Simpson, a Michael Milken or a Leona Helmsley.



In the Simpson case, the prosecution spent more than defense in absolute terms. The defense had about a dozen lawyers, while the prosecution used nearly 50. The defense had a handful of investigators, while the prosecution had access to the entire Los Angeles Police Department, the F.B.I., the Chicago police, and even Interpol. Beyond these material resources, the prosecution had the power to threaten some witnesses, to grant immunity to others and have the entire sovereignty of the state of California — including its tax base — behind it. Finally, the prosecution almost always has the judge on its side. No defendant, regardless of personal wealth, can compete with a government, its police and its prosecutors.

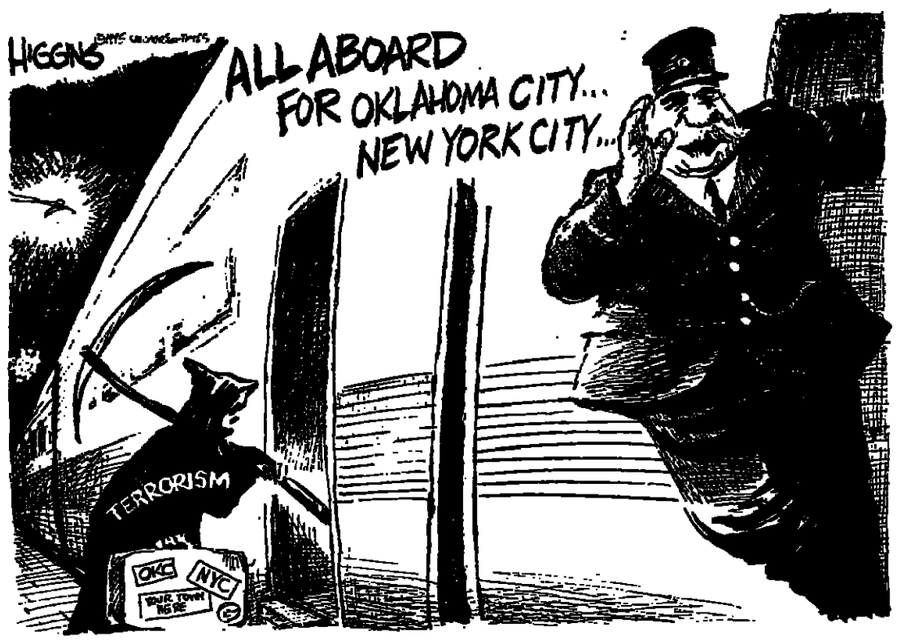
The real complaint implicit in much of the current criticism is that O.J. Simpson was one of those rare defendants who could challenge the prosecution's case on a relatively level playing field. Most citizens naturally root for the prosecution and want them to win, as they almost always do. Anything that assists a defendant in challenging the prosecution is unpopular. Anything with the word "prosecution," "victim," or "district attorney" is popular. It is no accident that being a district attorney is a stepping stone to higher political office. President Clinton, along with a significant percentage of senators, congressmen, governors and mayors, are former prosecutors. Name a former defense attorney in higher office today!

For our adversary system of justice to work, it requires a relatively level playing field, on which defendants can adequately challenge the prosecution's case. Without challenge, the police and prosecutors become lazy, and even corrupt. They become too used to winning, even in questionable cases. It is imperative, therefore, for the criminal justice system to provide more resources to indigent defendants, so that their lawyers can challenge the prosecution's case.

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Aid and abet

BY PETER BEINERT

Discouraged by the United Nation's irrelevance to the great military and political contests of its time, globalists often resort to a backup line of defense.

Since the U.N. is not sovereign and lacks the ability to tax and conscript, they say, it cannot act as a world policeman. But that's OK because its true value lies in the less glamorous sphere of "low politics," where it manifests global conscience by delivering humanitarian relief to desperate populations: the U.N. as world social worker. The argument is morally resonant, especially when made by the Third World governments whose populations the U.N. succors. Unfortunately, however, in responding to human catastrophes, the U.N. consistently proves less resourceful, less honest and less brave than private aid organizations and national relief agencies. And this, of course, is precisely why it wins praise from those Third World leaders responsible for such catastrophes, leaders whose hold on power depends precisely on foreign humanitarians being neither resourceful, nor honest nor brave. A few examples.

Ethiopia. Although Addis Ababa hosted one of the largest concentrations of permanent U.N. staff in Africa, the U.N. reacted slowly to the famine building in the Ethiopian countryside in the early 1980s. By 1982, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) such as World Vision Relief and Catholic Relief Services were sounding alarm bells - redirecting their own resources to Ethiopia and asking the U.S. government for more. By contrast, the U.N. Disaster Relief Organization and the U.N. International Children's Fund did not launch appeals until the spring of 1983, and bureaucratic infighting between key U.N. agencies such as the World Food Program and the Food and Agricultural Organization kept them from publishing a report on the situation until June 1984. Even then, the report gravely underestimated the extent of the crisis. In his book Reluctant Aid or Aiding the Reluctant, Steven Varnis estimates that the U.N. did not fully mobilize until November 1984, thereby missing the chance to stem the hunger.

But the real problem was less the U.N.'s failure to mobilize quickly than the nature of the mobilization itself. The Ethiopian government of Mengistu Haile Mariam faced a rebellion in the northern province of Tigray. But Mengistu denied both that his regime had lost control of the province and that its inhabitants faced starvation. As a result, the government distributed only 5 percent of its aid to a province that included one-third of those at risk from starvation.

Confronted with a host government unable and unwilling to grant them access to hundreds of thousands of its starving citizens, or even to acknowledge their existence, NGOs improvised. Norwegian Church Aid and other Protestant relief organizations, funded by the United States Agency for International Development began to secretly funnel food from the Sudan into rebel-held areas in the Ethiopian north. The effort was bold and ingenious. Never before had aid groups transported huge stores of food across a border without the knowledge of the host government. The rebelled welfare networks, which the NGOs assisted, constituted, in the words of the watchdog group African Rights, "the most effective relief programs ever mounted in a political emergency in Africa."

The U.N.'s response could not have been more different. Its Emergency Office for Ethiopia not only made no effort to reach the starving in rebel-held areas, it also legitimized Mengistu's claim that they did not exist. In August 1985, an Emergency Office report claimed that the government and the NGOs operating under its auspices were reaching 75 percent of the needy in Tigray. The actual figure was less than 15 percent. The office ignored repeated findings from journalists and independent monitors that as much as one-half to two-thirds of the food it gave the government for Tigray and the neighboring province of Eritrea was being diverted to the military. Says Alex de Waal, former co-director of Human Rights Watch-Africa: "It was criminal.... The U.N.'s role in that [cover-up] cost many lives and strengthened Mengistu. The government would have fallen years earlier without their help."

The chief failing of the U.N. aid agencies is not that they are clumsy and lethargic but that they are dishonest.

Somalia. In January 1991, when dictator Mohammed Siad Barr fled Mogadishu, leaving chaotic interclan warfare in his wake, the U.N. fled as well. For almost all of 1991, as the situation deteriorated and anarchy turned to mass starvation, the U.N. stayed away. Meanwhile five private relief agencies, including the International Committee of the Red Cross, remained in Mogadishu. In December, Pierre Glassmann, the African Delegate-General for the Red Cross, demanded to know, "How come unicef - Somalia has 13 people in Nairobi and no one in Somalia?" Marco Barsotti of the United Nations Development Program responded astoundingly, "In a situation of war, we don't operate."

NGOs, particularly the Red Cross, stepped into the breach. Rather than wasting time developing new relief strategies, the Red Cross built upon local knowledge, essentially merging with the indigenous Somali Red Crescent Society. When a Somali woman, Dhababo Isse, found that cooked food was less often stolen by local militias because it could not be easily sold, the Red Cross used her soup kitchens as its national model. And rather than letting food pile up in warehouses in Mogadishu and Kismayo, where it was subject to the whim of local warlords, the Red Cross spread its deliveries across every port, and even some beaches, in southern Somalia.

Even when the U.N. began operations, almost a year later, they quickly became a fiasco. The U.N.'s World Food Program let large stores of food sit in the Mogadishu port while it worked out a complex distribution system, only to find them repeatedly looted. The U.N. Development Program left $68 million of its Somalia budget unspent for nine crucial months during 1992 because it lacked the signature of a nonexistent Somali official and the World Food Program bickered for three months over a contract to distribute food by truck to a Somali refugee camp in the Hararghe region of Ethiopia, while in the camp 50 refugees died per day. The contrast with the Red Cross - which in 1991 and 1992 fed roughly 1.5 million people, more than all the U.N. agencies combined - could not be sharper.

Rwanda. In Rwanda, the U.N. is not leaving people to starve as it did in Ethiopia and Somalia. Yet its policies there may be sowing the seeds of future humanitarian disaster even as they prevent one today. Stung by its peacekeepers' hasty exit in the midst of one of the century's worst genocides, the U.N. last year moved quickly to provide for the mass of Hutu refugees streaming out of Rwanda ahead of the Tutsi-dominated Rwandan Patriotic Front. Yet even as the U.N. helped care for hundreds of thousands of Rwandan refugees, chronic interagency infighting stymied any attempt to identify and bring to justice those who had been responsible for the slaughter. One year later, the result is that former government militias, often armed and sometimes in uniform, control many U.N. refugee camps, terrorizing civilians and plotting to reinvade.

To be sure, private aid groups face the same excruciating dilemma of whether to deny food and medicine to hungry suspected murderers. But UN. agencies have been the least willing to take steps to separate the ringleaders from those on whom they prey. Christine Umutoni, Deputy Minister for Rehabilitation and Reintegration in Rwanda's new government, berates the U.N. for being "unwilling to take the steps necessary, through a special police force, to keep the killers away from the refugees." Janet Fleischmann of Human Rights Watch-Africa notes that, "The U.N. clearly took the lead in assisting these refugees who were in uniform and armed... and that helped them establish control over the refugee camps."

Meanwhile, the U.N. has spent less than half as much money on humanitarian and development efforts in devastated Rwanda itself as it has in the refugee camps. In July, Richard McCall, chief of staff, accused the U.N. of "doing a miserable job" of helping the new government. While U.N. officials rightly complain that Western donors have not given them adequate resources, additional money might do more harm than good. Indeed, dumping more money into militia-controlled refugee camps might only hasten the day when the perpetrators of Rwanda's 1994 genocide reclaim their country.

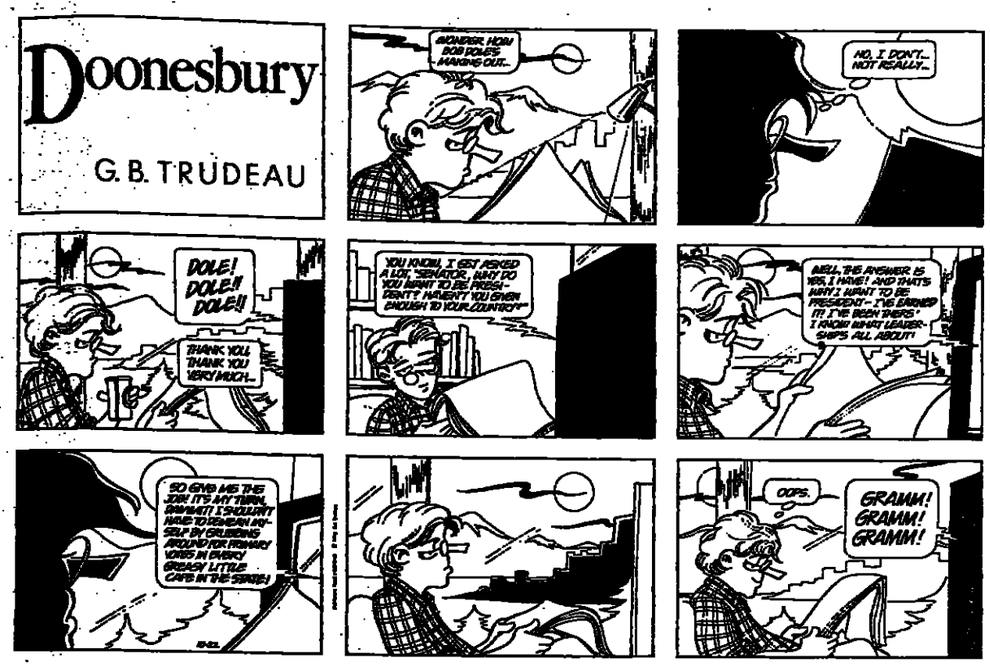
The chief failing of the U.N. aid agencies is not that they are clumsy and lethargic but that they are dishonest. To maintain the support of the continent's regimes, they cling to the fiction that Africans suffer not from murderous government but from murderous weather. And since humans are not responsible for Africa's ills, they can pretend that humanitarian work need not require political and moral confrontation. The U.N. should have abandoned this conceit a decade ago, after Ethiopia. Because it did not, Rwanda's current peace may prove little more than a lull between killing seasons.

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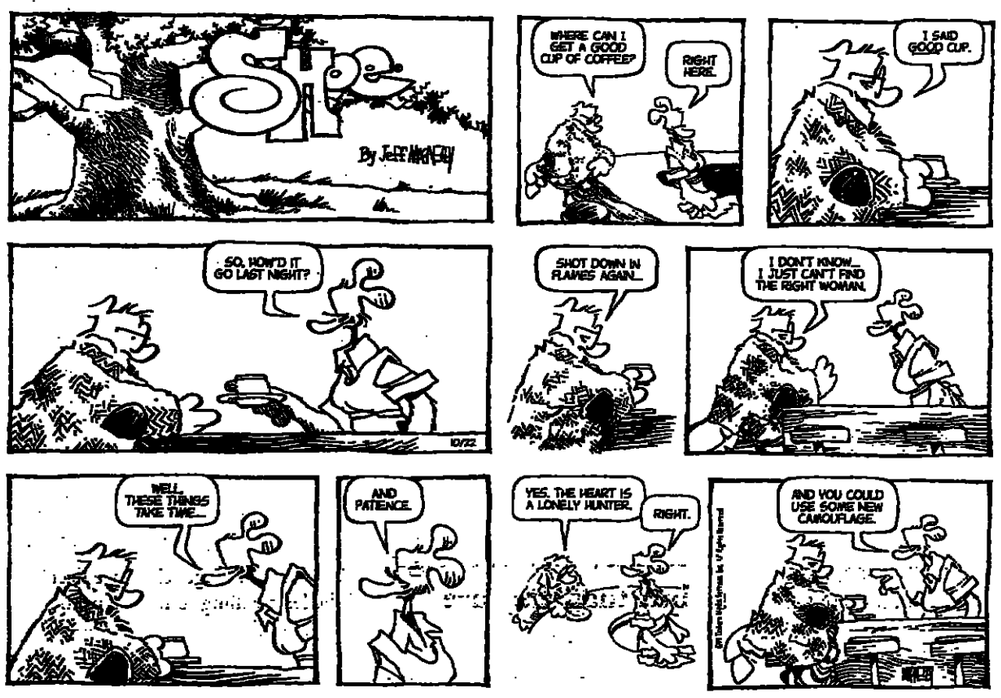
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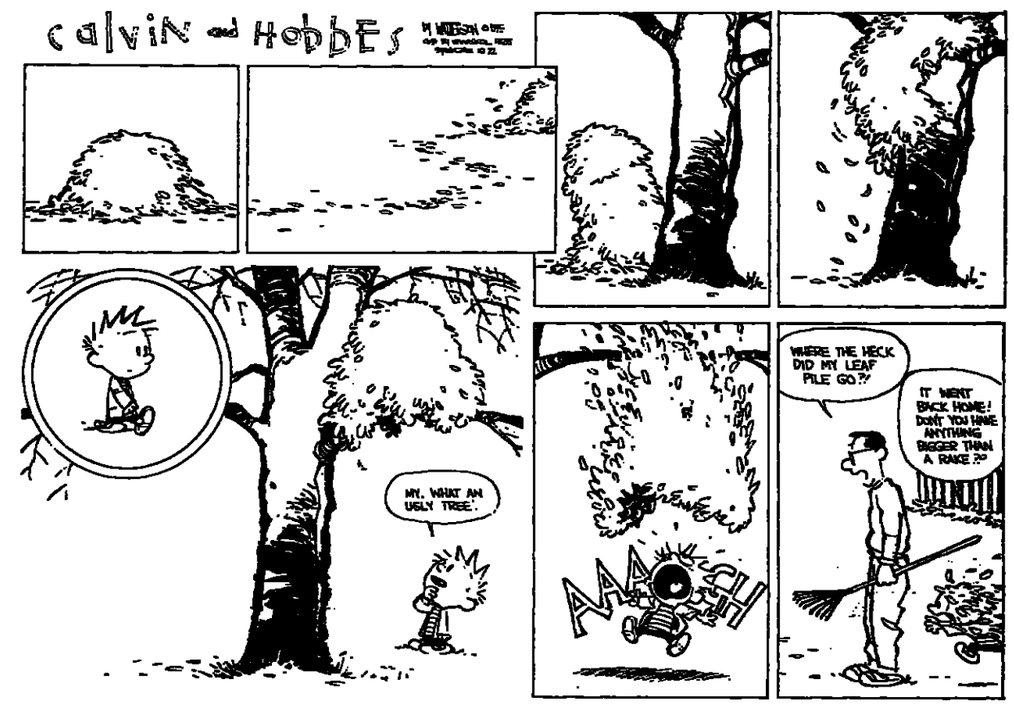
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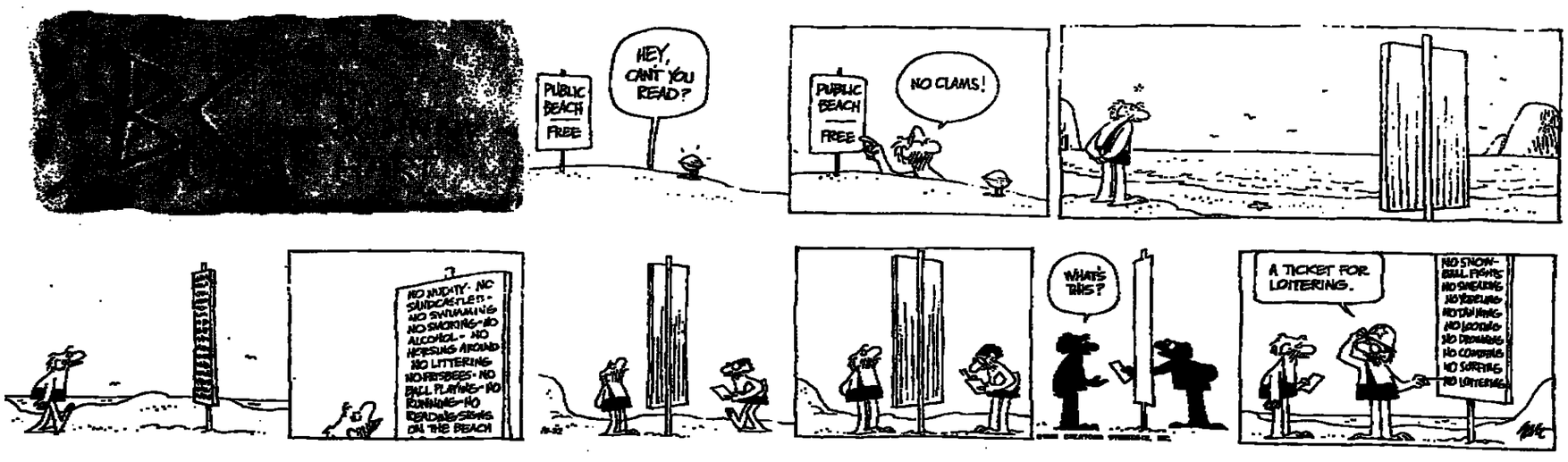
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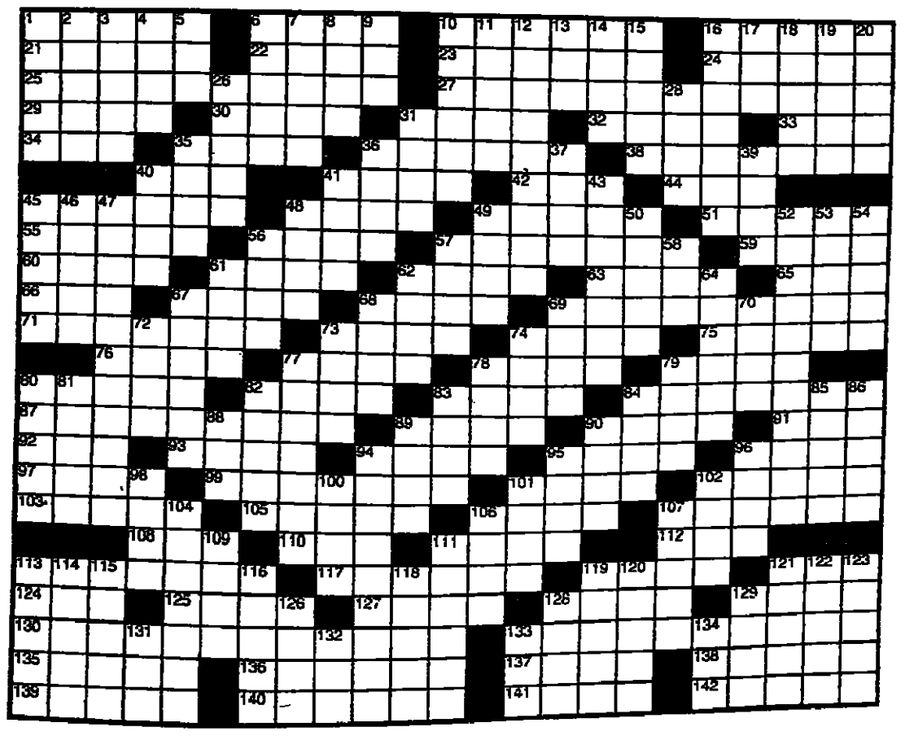
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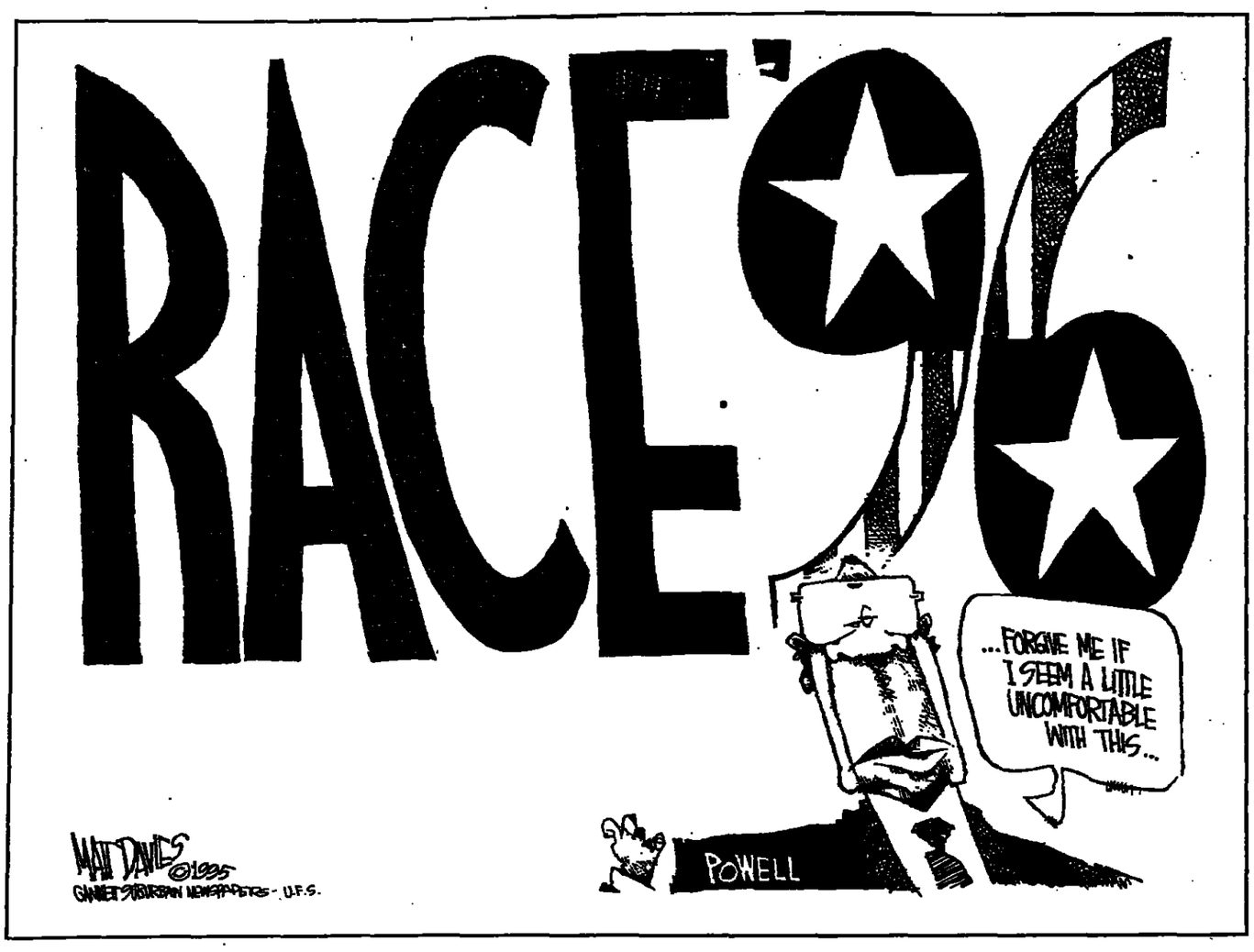
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GOP freshmen fight for true revolution

BY ROBERT NOVAK

Jeb Bush, who runs the Republican "Presidency III" straw vote in Florida on Nov. 18, raised anxiety among man-agers of Sen. Robert J. Dole's presidential campaign by suggesting that it would be a good idea if Gen. Colin Powell enters the competition.

Bush, son of former President George Bush and the Republican nominee for governor of Florida last year, said it would be "great for the Republican Party" if Powell becomes a candidate in time for the Florida vote. That would threaten Dole, who faces a serious bid by Sen. Phil Gramm in the Sunshine State.

A footnote: Word spread through Washington's political circles this week that Powell would announce for the Republican presidential nomination on Nov. 11, Veterans Day. When concerned Dole agents checked with Powell intimates, they were told there was absolutely nothing to the report.

NIX NEW YORK

A substantial number of Republican senators, led by Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas, have told the party's leadership that they cannot vote for the budget reconciliation bill if it contains the Medicaid formula favoring New York that was approved by the Senate Finance Committee.

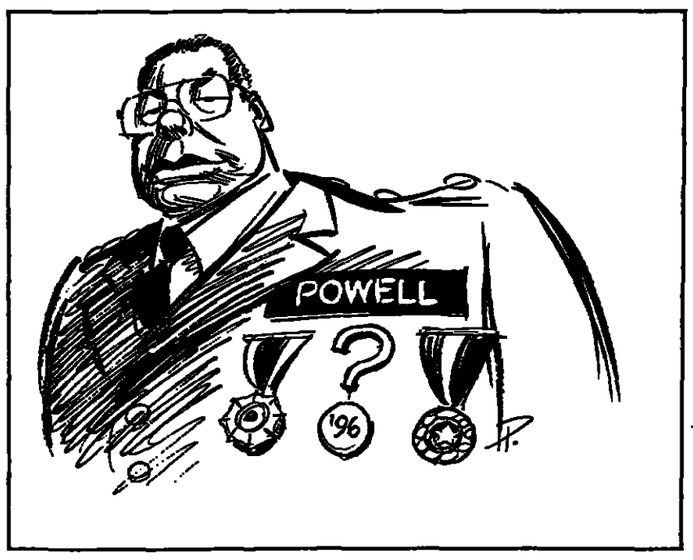
In order to get the committee's approval for scaled-down Medicaid spending, the formula was rigged in favor of states represented by finance members - particularly Sen. Alfonse D'Amato of New York.

Dole, the Senate majority leader, is under pressure to even out the distribution of funds before the reconciliation bill is voted on by the Senate. But Dole owes much to D'Amato for his expected sweep of New York's big delegation to the Republican presidential nominating convention.

DEMOCRATIC LAMENT

Democratic National Chair-man Donald Fowler has written the party's 50 state chairmen warning of hard times ahead for Democrats even if President Clinton is re-elected unless they take a "radically different approach to our political operations."

In a Sept. 11 letter to the state leaders, Fowler delivered this warning: "Bill Clinton could win re-election and the Democratic Party be left in a weak, ineffective state so that we will not be competitive with Republicans for the remainder of the decade, resulting in our being relegated to minority status for years to come."



Fowler listed six steps as "prescriptions" to avoid disaster. He urged Democrats to become more proficient in using modern technology, including plans to "radically improve our financial base."

BENNETT VS. QUOTAS

Jubilation by African Ameri-cans over the O.J. Simpson acquittal has led former drug czar William J. Bennett to become an active advocate in behalf of the anti-affirmative action proposition on the California ballot next year.

Bennett's response is in sharp contrast to the defense of the verdict by former Housing Secretary Jack Kemp, his colleague in the Empower America conservative organization.

"They [blacks] were cheering the fact that for one of the few times in recorded history they felt like justice was being done for a black man," Kemp said on NBC's "Meet The Press."

Black conservative Robert Woodson, Kemp's longtime friend and supporter, was offended by his remarks. To Woodson, Kemp was being unintentionally "demeaning" to African Americans. Bennett, Woodson and other conservatives plan to meet soon to map out a strategy on the racial question.

OSTRICH TROTS OUT

Tony Blankley, House Speaker Newt Gingrich's press secretary, appeared on television with an ostrich - symbolizing Republican charges that Democrats keep their heads in the sand - only after six GOP House members turned down the honor.

When he heard that House Democrats were rolling out a papier-mache Trojan horse depicting what the Republicans are doing to social-spending programs, Blankley proposed countering with a live ostrich. He found one on a farm in nearby Culpeper, Va.

Blankley requested one senior House Re-publican to pose with the ostrich. He refused. He then approached five junior members, whom he thought might be interested in some free publicity. Each, in turn, refused. So, Blankley - once a child actor in Hollywood - eagerly took on the chore of leading the ostrich around.

The stunt appeared on national television news broadcasts, including repeated usage on CNN.

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Semper Fidel

BY DAPHNE BARAK AND RICHARD GOODING

Just before I left for Cuba, on a too-long flight by way of Mexico City and Cancun, a prominent New York businessman whose vast holdings happen to include gambling casinos pulled me aside. "When you see Fidel," he whispered conspiratorially, "tell him I'd love to open a casino in Havana — the minute we're allowed in."

No one in Cuba, of course, needs a reporter to pass the message that the American business world is waiting on the beachhead, ready for the signal, any signal, to land.

And in the first week of October, there was a signal, of sorts. Two days after discussing Cuba with Pope John Paul II in Newark, President Clinton eased restrictions on Cuban-American travel to the island, U.S.-Cuban cultural exchanges, U.S. charitable donations to Cuban non-governmental groups, and on the activities of Cuban news bureaus on American soil. (Now it looks as if the U.S. will grant Castro a visa, for the first time since 1979, to attend the U.N.'s 50th-anniversary celebration later this month.) Phil Gramm accused the president of "putting out the welcome mat to Castro instead of tightening the noose around his aging neck." Bob Dole called for a quick Senate vote on the Helms-Burton bill, which would penalize foreign firms and countries that do business in Cuba. Whatever the outcome, the Cuban issue is on stage, front and center and divisive as ever, for the coming presidential year.

"I don't understand why foreigners don't invest more in Cuba," Deputy Minister of Foreign Investment Roberto Talarid tells me in his office, in a building threatening to collapse at any moment. The curtains are torn, the air conditioning drips even more humidity into the saturated air (it doesn't work at all in the rest of the building) and the elevator is stuck on the ground floor. Cuba, he insists, "is one of the most stable countries in the world — really. You invest money today, and there is no military or financial downside that is predictable..."

One who did invest — although apparently not in the traditional sense — was fugitive American financier and scam artist Robert Vesco. For 15 years, he was an honored citizen of Havana, a personal friend of Castro's, and then suddenly on May 31 he was arrested at his mansion and thrown into the dreaded Santa Maria prison. It was major news in the U.S. and around the world, but without access to CNN or any American media, not a word of it reached here; not one line appeared in the Cuban national newspaper. The American press speculated that Castro was throwing a bone to Clinton. Castro's spin was this: "He was a spy." I beg your pardon? "Yes. When he came to Cuba he had a very positive attitude toward the revolution. But we finally found out that he had changed his ways...." Translation: Vesco was no longer willing, or able, to line the pockets of his hosts.

Right now, the U.S. is virtually the only country missing the boat into Cuba. Latin American nations, no longer threatened by the island's waning ideology, scramble to trade with Cuba. Mexico, which earned Castro's undying affection by refusing to join the U.S. embargo, is pouring in $2 billion, making it the island's largest foreign investor, according to recent figures in The New York Times. And Brazil has signed the most recent big-money deal, to take over cigarette production in a country whose residents consume 12 billion cigarettes a year.

Is Washington simply waiting for Castro to die? His passing would certainly make it easier to lift the embargo. But by waiting, the embargo limits America's input on the succession process.

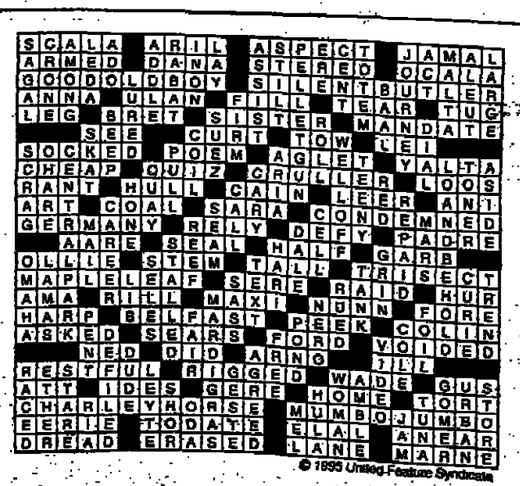
"It's not really my fault that I'm still alive," Castro says with a smile. "It's not really my faulr that they didn't manage to kill me." But Castro, despite rumors of a throat ailment and a mysterious hospitalization, is far healthier than his revolution.

The Cuban Revolution has not lost its occasional bite. A German tourist lacking the proper visa recently landed in jail, without his clothes. Even after the German ambassador secured his release, he was forced to sign a statement of guilt and to pay $110 for "room and breakfast" — a cell, and milk and sugar. Members of my TV film crew were so edgy about secret police that when a maid in their hotel walked in on them after midnight to offer a Leona Helmsley-style courtesy bedtime mint, they imagined the worst and blocked her entry. Ordinary Cubans still won't hazard anything but servile flattery of Castro to strangers. But, like Robaina, they speak of the revolution in the past tense. When Castro is gone, what will be left?

"Believe me," says Castro of his passing, "the life of Cuba is not going to stop for one second, even a bit of a second." Asked who will succeed him, he replies, "This is a question you should ask the CIA. They spend so much time on how I'm going to end up...." Fidel looks more bemused than disturbed by the prospect; it's clear he's thought about it a lot as well.

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The Gymnasia: A Zionist-intellectual factory

THERE AND THEN

SRAYA SHAPIRO

HERZLIYA Gymnasia recently celebrated its 90th birthday.

It is the first ever Hebrew high school, and my alma mater.

I remember Dr. Benzion Mossinson, the principal, theatrically discussing Job. His deputy, Dr. Haim Bograshov, chirped about the glories of the Land of Israel. Dr. Haim Harari, a born esthetician, radiated bonhomie while reviewing the Hebrew letters. Dr. Baruch Ben-Yehuda, a graduate of the Gymnasia, made mathematics exciting by weaving H.G. Wells stories into the curriculum.

Ben-Yehuda was also a musician: on Saturday afternoons he liked his musically inclined pupils to assemble at his home and listen as he played his concertina.

Discipline was held in much lower esteem at the Gymnasia than it was at Dr. Biram's Reali High School in Haifa. Poor Dr. Yehuda Metman-Cohen, who taught natural sciences, suffered the most. Occasionally, unable to control the class, he just insulted the pupils. Dr. Cifrony, a phlegmatic type who was supposed to teach us Talmud and Latin, accepted his fate resignedly and occasionally lay down across a row of chairs.

Metman-Cohen was the titular founder of the Gymnasia. He and two of his friends attended the University of Berne, Switzerland, at the beginning of this century. Mossinson and Bograshov argued that if there should be a Hebrew University, as the Zionist Congress had envisioned, there must also be a high school to train young intellectuals "firm with the Zionist creed at heart" and to prepare them for the university. Menahem Ussishkin, a steadfast Zionist leader in Russia, supported the idea, promising to help raise funds from the Zionists for this project.



Stately Herzliya Gymnasia faces a bustling street scene. It was argued that there must be a high school to train young intellectuals 'firm with the Zionist creed at heart' and to prepare them for university.

Metman-Cohen and his wife Fania opened the Gymnasia in 1905, a week after Succot. It was located in a dismal four-room house just behind the Government House in Jaffa. Initially, 17 of the estimated 60 10- to 11-year-old children in the Jewish community in Jaffa were enrolled in the school's two grades. By the end of the first school year, the number of pupils rose to 40.

Of course, this was long before my time. I read the details in *Sipura Shel Herzliya Gymnasia* ("The Story of Herzliya School") by Baruch Ben-Yehuda.

The name Herzliya was appended to the school at the insistence of Jacob Moser, a retired magistrate who was once the mayor of Bedford, England. Moser promised to donate 80,000 francs to build a permanent abode for the Gymnasia if it bore Herzl's name. Moser sent Dr. Moses Gaster to inspect the new school. Gaster was bewildered with what he saw: pupils studied the Bible not from the traditional text but from selections made by Bialik and Ravnitzky. Moreover, they did so bare-headed.

Moser himself proved to be more open-minded. He visited the Gymnasia himself, approved of what he saw, and promised to cover all expenses for a new building. One estimate was that he spent 250,000 francs on the project. The building rose beside the newly erected garden-city of Tel Aviv. It was a two-story structure; the entrance was flanked by columns inspired by pharaonic Egypt. A dome, suggested in the early sketches, was eliminated in the final plan.

The Gymnasia instantly became the center of Tel Aviv life. It contained the only medium-sized hall for public meetings and amateur theatrical performances. Its vast courtyard – sheltered from inquisitive eyes by the main building – served as a sports field in normal times and as a rallying point during emergencies. It was there that corpses of those murdered by Arab rioters were usually brought before their funerals.

Herzliya teachers were naturally involved in political life. Mossinson was the deputy mayor of Tel Aviv. He invariably took part in Zionist congresses abroad and was seldom seen at home. A street laid through a neighborhood which Bograshov had helped build was named for him. Others were prominent in a variety of fields – Mordechai Krichevski in music and Avraham Aldema in arts.

The students also joined political organizations. Abrasha Scheterman, from my class, was in the Revisionist camp. Labor leader Moshe Shertok, one of the first graduates, advised a group of my contemporaries who resolved to establish a kibbutz after they graduated. The prevailing atmosphere then was that youth should not waste time studying algebra but should fulfill national duty by "settling on the land."

The old building of the Herzliya Gymnasia was razed long ago, allegedly to allow Herzl Street to be extended northward – today the Shalom Tower stands in its place. One suspects that the Gymnasia, which had been deeply in debt, had no alternative but to move out of the area which had become the "city" of Tel Aviv and sell the valuable land it was built upon.

A wall in the sports hall in the new Herzliya Gymnasia on Jabotinsky Street bears the image of the original building. The late Hadassah Sherman-Priel, the musician, did her best to preserve memories of the past by organizing a permanent exhibition of photographs as well as frequent meetings of past graduates.

"We are a family," Metman-Cohen declared upon inaugurating the building on Herzl Street. Old-timers thriving on memories do feel like that even now.

For photographers, angles can be the spice of life

ON CAMERA

DAVID BRAUNER

LOOKING at a friend's album of his recent travel pictures, "On Camera" was impressed. The pictures were sharp and workmanlike. But, as I turned the pages, a somewhat disturbing pattern began to develop. Shot after shot was taken from only one angle: straight-on at eye level. Not once did the photographer point his camera up or down at the wonderful sites he visited.

It is so easy to hop out of the car, click the shutter at the beautiful landscape, and quickly drive on to the next site.

But, when most travelers come home with their pictures, they have to resort to words to describe to their friends how wonderful the scenery was because their photos are flat, dull and disappointing. What many people do not realize is that the camera and the eye "see" the world very differently.

Ansel Adams, the outstanding American landscape photographer and theoretician, pointed out in his book *Camera and Lens* (1948): "The retina of the eye is curved, but photographic film is flat."

In seeing a scene, the human eye, whose roundness matches the curvature of its lens, makes everything look sharp and puts it all in "correct" perspective. In other words, the eye, backed up the brain, adds the dimension of depth so that foreground objects are perceived as larger than those farther away in the background.

For a two-dimensional (flat) photograph to convey the illusion of depth, the camera, like the eye, also needs a little intelligent support. Getting a different or unusual angle or "viewpoint" on a shot does not necessarily mean getting down on the ground like a reptile or climbing to precarious heights. Nor does it mean equipping a vehicle, as Adams did, with a special roof platform and a light aluminum "ship's ladder" up the side.

Often, dropping down to one knee or mounting a few steps can make a world of difference. Instead of yet another humdrum picture, aim for Olympian dimensions, sometimes known as the "monumental style" of photography.

Remember, the whole cathedral or jumbo jet does not have to fit into the frame. Stepping back to get everything in makes large things look small in the photo.

Often "less is more." The illusion of hugeness comes across best the closer one is, forcing the photographer to change the angle of view either up or down.

Running a shot tightly up the steep steps of a building, or along the heavy rope hawsers of a docked steamship, is a simple recipe for a more exciting picture.

Or, bring the camera right up to the base of a statue or tall tower, and shoot it against a clear sky background. If the outdoor scene is shot from a low angle, the horizon is moved downward, emphasizing the sky's distance in the background. A high angle, on the other hand, will place the horizon near the top of the frame, giving the impression of vast and endless land.

Angling the camera so that objects like mountains overlap makes them seem closer to one another. In color photography, warm hues (reds and oranges) appear to come forward, while cold colors (blues and greens) appear to recede.

The effects of angle are even more pronounced when a wide-angle lens is used. Since most point-and-shoot cameras are generally equipped with fixed wider-than-normal lenses (often 35 mm), anybody can get more professional results in holiday snaps.

Although the books caution to keep cameras level since a sloping horizon generally detracts from the quality of a photograph, sometimes a deliberate slant can lend a picture a sense of dynamism.



Big Ben, snapped from a low angle against a gray sky to emphasize converging lines. (Brauner)

The one area of photography where non-eye-level angles are likely to create unwanted distortions is portraiture. Taking portraits close-in from too high or too low can severely alter the apparent scale of features, making chins, noses and eyes protrude unnaturally.

The idea of seeking fresh new angles is not only about taking dullness out of photographs; it is equally about taking the thoughtlessness out of photography.

Viewpoint is the difference between clicking a snapshot to prove one was there, and making a picture that will be worth looking at time after time.

History sold to the highest bidder

BILL Gates has bought the Bettmann Archive of photographs, which captures many of the key events and people of the 20th century. He will now own the rights to images used in computer communications, and every time the photographs are used in newspapers or magazines he will gather a fee.

Gates, chairman of Microsoft, the computer software giant, will be able to use them in computerized encyclopedias, CD-Roms and information banks on his nascent service Microsoft Online.

The archive holds 16 million photographs, many familiar around the world. They range from the picture of Winston Churchill giving his victory sign at the end of World War II to the image of a young Vietnamese girl running naked and in agony after being hit by napalm; from a picture of man on the moon to one of an atomic explosion.

Gates, who has an estimated personal worth of $15 billion, bought the collection through a small company he operates, Corbis Corp., for an undisclosed sum. The move raised immediate questions over the increasing Microsoft domination of the software industry, and the wisdom of so many renowned images being controlled by a single entrepreneur.

Corbis has already acquired the rights to a half-million images, including the paintings in the National Gallery, and is negotiating for the rights to the Hermitage collection in St. Petersburg.

Paul Saffo, a director of the Institute for the Future in California, said: "The cultural issue raised by the Bettmann purchase is whether we are seeing history sold to the highest bidder, or whether we'll eventually see history made more accessible to the public as a result."

Corbis plans to create "a visual encyclopedia of the world, including history, lands, people, the arts and culture." The Bettman Archive contains the collections of the United Press International agency, Acme News Pictures, Pacific and Atlantic Photos, International News Photos and the library of the former *New York Daily Mirror* newspaper.

The archive, in Manhattan, was founded in the 1930s by Dr. Otto Bettmann, a refugee from Nazi Germany. The enormous inventory includes a photograph of Albert Einstein sticking out his tongue, collections from the Great Depression, pictures of the Duchess of Windsor, and the best-selling New York poster of a building crew eating lunch while perched on a steel beam high above the city during the construction of the Rockefeller Center.

Gates set up Corbis in 1989 to secure the rights to images and then digitalize them for computer use. Although he was thinking of future business, Corbis was also set up to allow him to display famous images on the giant screens in his futuristic Seattle home which claims to offer an ever-changing gallery of art.

His acquisitions include the painting of Napoleon on horseback, "Bonaparte Crossing the Great St. Bernard," by Jacques-Louis David, and, last year, the Leonardo Coda, a notebook of Leonardo da Vinci.

The 21st-century plan is to be able to market the images via computer to individual customers as well as conventional businesses. The idea is for a child doing homework, or a businessman designing a report, to be able to access illustrations via the Internet or equivalent system, pay a small fee via credit card, and secure one-time use of the image. "The future is the use of digital images by millions of consumers instead of tens of thousands of businesses," said Doug Rowan, president of Corbis.

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Seattle becomes a great baseball town

SEATTLE (AP) – The fate of the Seattle Mariners is now in the hands of local politicians after manager Lou Piniella and his players did all they could to save baseball in Seattle.

"It was a season where baseball in Seattle is going to be saved, a season where they will get a new stadium here," the third-year Mariners manager said. "It was a season where this city proved it can be a great baseball city."

On Tuesday night, the Mariners were eliminated – two victories shy of the World Series – by the Cleveland Indians in the AL championship series. The Mariners lost 4-0, but the enthusiasm of the 58,489 fans in the Kingdome may have said otherwise.

By finally catching the city of Seattle's attention in their 19th season, the Mariners appear to be in a position to get a new ballpark with a retractable roof.

If legislation to fund construction of the $325 million stadium is approved by the King County Council, the threat to leave town will vanish. The council is expectedd to vote on the matter tomorrow.

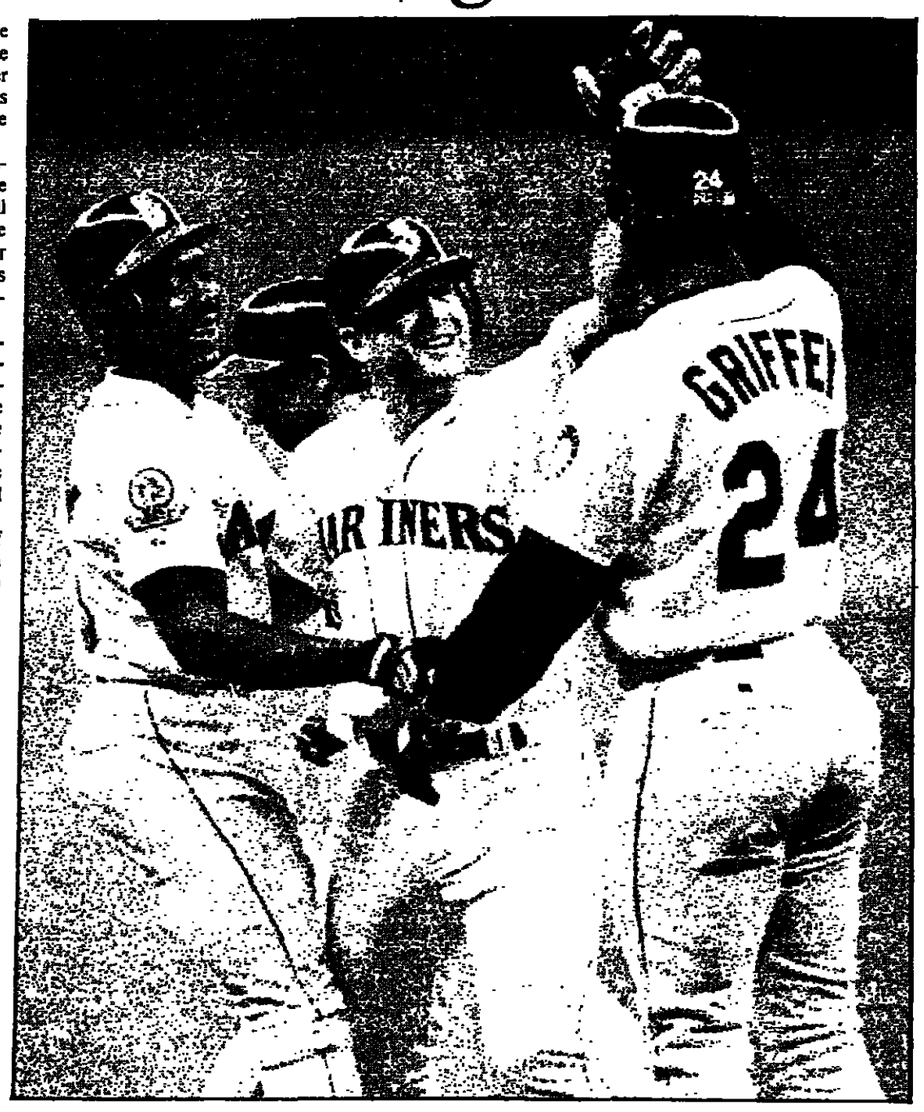
Meanwhile, the core of the team will remain and try to win the AL pennant next year.

"If spring training started tomorrow, I guarantee you there would be 25 guys there ... ready," Ken Griffey Jr. said.

In an exciting September race that had crowds of 50,000-plus streaming into the Kingdome, Seattle overcame a 13-game deficit in the AL West, then beat California in a one-game playoff for the division title. The Mariners lost the first two games of the playoffs against the New York Yankees, then swept three straight to advance to the ALCS against Cleveland.

"You get to within a couple games of the World Series and you have to be pleased with that," third baseman Mike Blowers said. "Not too many guys get that close, and we know we're close now."

For the first time in their history, a history that includes 17 losing seasons, the Mariners spent money to try to win at the end of the season. They added starting pitcher Andy Benes in a trade with San Diego. They also picked up leadoff hitter and left fielder Vince Coleman and closer Norm Charlton.



HOME SWEET HOME – Seattle's Edgar Martinez (c) is congratulated by Ken Griffey, Jr. and Vince Coleman after home run against the Yankees in divisional playoffs. (Reuter)

Piniella convinced the Mariners' owners they needed to spend the money late in the season in a bid to win the AL wild card. The team won the division instead.

Piniella is more optimistic than ever about the Mariners' future.

"I think now Seattle will be the top choice of a lot of players," he said. "The good free agents basically want to go to a winning ball club, and we're a winning ball club now."

And there will be a different attitude among the Mariners next spring.

"This team will go into spring training knowing how to win," said Randy Johnson, who probably will win the AL Cy Young Award. "It should be very exciting going down there and having all the same faces, hopefully. We'll be starting from the perspective that we ended the season going farther than even most of us anticipated."

Faced with $30m in losses this season and $67m in losses since they bought the franchise 3½ years ago, the Mariners owners say they're looking at losing $15m more during each of the next three seasons before a new stadium could be ready by 1999. In addition, they're committed to contributing $45m for the new stadium.

Griffey's $24m, four-year contract expires after the 1996 season. He may be baseball's best player, and Mariners management will want to make sure he doesn't leave.

AL batting champion Edgar Martinez figures to have his $3.5m option exercised by the team. He, too, is eligible for free agency after 1996.

"I hope this team will stay intact," Johnson said. "I think the stadium issue will pass and we'll have a new stadium in a couple of years, but, obviously, this is a business."

Piniella is almost sure to want Blowers back at third base after his 23-homer, 96-RBI season. While shortstop Luis Sojo hit .289, 20-year-old Alex Rodriguez probably will be given the first chance at the shortstop's job next spring. Rodriguez, the first player chosen in the 1993 June draft, is considered to be a can't-miss star of the future.

The future of some of the other Mariners is unclear. Second baseman Joey Cora hit .297, but made 23 errors during the regular season. Benes was 7-2 after joining the Mariners, but was a disappointment in the Indians series. Bobby Ayala had 19 saves this season, but lost his closer's job to Charlton. Coleman sparked the team late in the season, but had a 2-for-20 series against Cleveland.

The Mariners discovered a bright, young pitching prospect in 22-year-old rookie Bob Wolcott, who beat the Indians in Game 1. In the spring, Wolcott will be given a chance to join a rotation that is headed by Johnson, the league's ERA champion and the top strikeout pitcher in baseball the past four years.

Lofton runs Tribe into World Series

CLEVELAND (AP) – You might have to use the slow-motion or frame-by-frame feature on your VCR to catch it. That blur you see rounding third and heading for home – that'll be Kenny Lofton.

Bothered by a series of injuries during the regular season, first to his rib cage and later to his leg, Lofton assured al and sundry last week that he was healthy. As if to prove it, he then scored all the way from second base on a passed ball that deflated Seattle and sent Cleveland to the World Series against the Atlanta Braves. The first game was scheduled for last night.

It was daring base-running, too risky for most runners but an excellent gamble for someone as swift as Lofton, who scored 93 runs in 118 games this year.

In the six-game AL championship series with Seattle, Lofton hit .458, helping the Indians scratch out runs here and there because their usually high-powered offense never kicked in consistently.

"He made things really go for them," Seattle manager Lou Piniella said. "Lofton had a great series. He was on base just about every time you looked up."

Even at less than his best for much of this year, Lofton still managed to steal 54 bases for his fourth consecutive AL stolen-base crown. He's only the second man in AL history to lead the league in steals each of his first four seasons; Luis Aparicio did it nine straight times from the start of his career in 1956.

"I think that's basically a leadoff hitter's job, to get on base and make things happen," Lofton said. "That's whay I try to do."

The Mariners were well aware of how disruptive Lofton can be. In Tuesday night's clinching game, Seattle starter Randy Johnson sent him an early message – an 0-2 pitch that whistled past Lofton"s head, sending him sprawling to the ground during his first at-bat.

Lofton got the message, and he struck out in that at-bat and again in the third inning. But his teammates helped him regain his composure in time to drive in the Indians' first run with a single in the fifth.

"Some guys on the bench came to me and said, 'Shake it off and keep doing what you've been doing. You can get Randy, so just stay in there,'" Lofton said. "After my second or third at-bat, I did that."

His speed didn't really become a factor, though, until the eighth inning. After Tony Pena led off with a double, Lofton bunted pinch-runner Ruben Amaro to third and beat out the bunt for a single.

Lofton stole second, putting runners at second and third with no outs and setting up a play that will surely be replayed on the VCRs of Indians fans for years to come.

With the Indians clinging to a 1-0 lead, Johnson threw an outside pitch that ricocheted off catcher Dan Wilson's glove and bounced toward the Cleveland dugout.

Amaro scored easily. What Johnson and Wilson didn't realize, though, was that Lofton never broke stride around third. Wilson retrieved the ball, saw what was happening and fired it to Johnson, who was covering the plate but didn't know Lofton was sliding in beside him.

Amaro was as surprised as the Mariners.

"I had no idea Kenny was coming," Amaro said. "All of a sudden I heard everybody screaming. I turned around, and there he was. He must have been in 15th gear. That was the biggest play of the game. We went from one run up to three runs up without swinging the bat."

Obviously distracted by it all, Johnson gave up a home run by Carlos Baerga one out later.

"They weren't paying attention," Lofton said. "At first I wasn't going to try. But I was trying to bluff and run real hard and see how they reacted off me, and they never reacted. So I just kept on running."

European soccer heads for 'horrors' of US-type free agency

LONDON (AP) – Deion Sanders probably would appreciate the court ruling issued in the tiny Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

Soccer bosses across Europe, particularly in Britain, reacted with shock and horror to the interim finding by Carl Otto Lenz, advocate general of the European Court of Justice.

His decision could set off a revolution in European soccer by paving the way for a system that has helped make multi-millionaires out of Sanders and other American superstars: free agency.

"This rule has been made up by people who don't live in the real world," said Ivor Beeks, chairman of the English Second Division club Wycombe Wanderers. "It will destroy the game as we know it."

Acting in a case involving an obscure Belgian player, midfielder Jean-Marc Bosman, Lenz ruled that Europe's traditional system of soccer transfers is illegal.

The existing system works like this: When a player's contract expires and he wants a transfer, his new club pays his old club a negotiated fee.

If the Luxembourg finding is upheld as expected by the full European Court later this year, clubs would no longer receive compensation when a player leaves at the end of his contract. Transfer fees for players switching teams in mid-contract would not be affected.

That means players would become free agents and be able to negotiate their own terms, setting the stage for salaries and signing bonuses that might approach those of US athletes.

"It means a paradise for players and agents," said Martin Edwards, chairman of wealthy Manchester United.

Agent Paul Stretford said the new regulations would lead to a "tremendous explosion" in salaries.

"You will see contract developments moving along the lines of the NFL in the States," he said. "By the turn of the century, the situation will be that the top earners over here will be edging very close to the top earners in American sport."

A star player like Eric Cantona, the French striker for Manchester United, reportedly makes between $23,250 and $31,000 a week.

"The Eric Cantonas of this world, those who already receive obscene wages, will have their earnings increased tenfold," predicted Sam Hamman, outspoken owner of the Wimbledon soccer club. "I can see a day within the next five years when a player earns £5 million a year."

That would rival the seven-year, $35m contract that Sanders signed with the Dallas Cowboys.

Kasey Keller, the star American goalkeeper for the First Division club. Millwall, doubts soccer players will ever come close to the salaries of American athletes like Dan Marino, Michael Jordan or Ken Griffey Jr.

"There are probably 2,500 to 3,000 professional soccer players in Britain," he said. "In the NBA, there are about 450. With the sheer number of people playing in Europe, I don't think the salaries will reach American levels. Maybe one or two players will reach the middle level but never the American superstar status."

If transfer fees are outlawed, Keller suggested soccer officials should introduce a US-style salary cap.

"It's something to consider as a safeguard so the big team can't just buy all the top players," he said.

While players stand to benefit from the advent of free agency, small clubs face the prospect of going out of business.

In Britain, small clubs groom young talent and sell them onto bigger teams at a profit to survive. If the Bosman ruling is put into effect, the clubs could lose this crucial lifeline.

"You can kiss goodbye to the majority of smaller clubs if this goes ahead," said Pat Holland, manager of the Third Division club Leyton Orient.

Wimbledon's Hamman estimated that up to 800 out of 92 professional clubs could go bankrupt.

"This benefits the rich and powerful," he said. "Teams like Manchester United, Liverpool and Arsenal will become megarich. Others could close down."

But Rick Parry, chief executive of the Premier League, said the doomsayers were exaggerating the situation.

"There has been a bizarre, hysterical reaction even by football standards," he said. "Suggestions that clubs are going to go under left, right and center are premature to say the least."

While major soccer nations like Italy and Spain have cut down on spending, transfer fees have been spiraling out of control in Britain.

During the past offseason, between $124-140m changed hands on the British transfer market.

Liverpool alone splashed out $20m, including a British record fee of $13m to get striker Stan Collymore from Nottingham Forest.

"If a footballer has only one year to go on his contract, you're not going to throw big money at that situation when you know later you will get him for nothing," said Hamman.

British transfer fees: Gone with the Wind?

Stan Collymore, Nottingham Forest to Liverpool, £8.5 million.
Dennis Bergkamp, Inter Milan to Arsenal, £7.5m.
Les Ferdinand, Queens Park Rangers to Newcastle, £6m.
Paul Ince, Manchester United to Inter Milan, £6m.
David Platt, Sampdoria to Arsenal, £4.75m.
Chris Armstrong, Crystal Palace to Tottenham, £4.5m.
Warren Barton, Wimbledon to Newcastle, £4m.
Savo Milosevic, Partizan Belgrade to Aston Villa, £3.5m.
Gica Popescu, Tottenham to Barcelona, £3m.
David Ginola, Paris Saint Germain to Newcastle, £2.5m.
Stefan Schwarz, Arsenal to Fiorentina, £2.5m.
Gareth Southgate, Crystal Palace to Aston Villa, £2.5m.
Craig Short, Derby to Everton, £2.4m.
Georgi Kinkladze, Dinamo Tbilisi to Manchester City, £2m.
Andrea Silenzi, Torino to Nottingham Forest, £1.8m.
Mark Degryse, Anderlecht to Sheffield Wednesday, £1.5m.

Native Americans protest

ATLANTA (Reuter) – Native American groups said Friday they will protest at the World Series because the use of Indian mascots and symbols by the Atlanta Braves and the Cleveland Indians encourages racism and stereotyping.

"We're the only race of people that has sports mascots and sports teams named after them," said Ken Rhyne, a co-director of the American Indian Movement.

"If it was the Atlanta Negroes, the Atlanta Hispanics, any situation like that, the stadium would be burned down overnight."

The National Coalition on Racism in Sports and Media, a loose-knit group of 48 organizations founded when the Washington Redskins played in the 1992 Super Bowl, plans to protest at each of this year's games.

"We're not asking for jobs. We're not asking for any handouts. We're not asking for the land back. We're just asking for little integrity, asking you to quit making fun of our people," said coalition executive director Michael Haney, a Seminole from Glenpool, Oklahoma.

The 1995 championship has been called the politically incorrect World Series with Cleveland's smiling "Chief Wahoo" logo and the "tomahawk chop" chant popular among Braves fans considered particularly offensive.

The Native American groups said they planned protests both inside and outside the Atlanta stadium.

In other news, the Baltimore Orioles fired manager Phil Regan and announced the resignation of general manager Roland Hemond on Friday.

The dismissal of Regan, who led the Orioles to a 71-73 record in his first year as a major league manager, paves the way for the hiring of former Oriole Davey Johnson, who guided the Cincinnati Reds to the National League Central title this year.

World Series on Cable TV

The first game of the World Series will be telecast at 7 pm today on Sports Channel, according to program director Ziv Levy. Information on subsequent broadcasts will be published as it becomes available.

World Series rosters and team comparisons

Cleveland Indians
Manager: Mike Hargrove

Catchers	B/T	BORN	HT	WT
15 Sandy Alomar	R/R	6/18/66	6-5	215
17 Tony Pena	R/R	6/4/57	6-0	185
Infielders				
09 Carlos Baerga	S/R	11/4/68	5-11	200
10 Alvaro Espinoza	R/R	2/19/62	6-0	190
33 Eddie Murray	S/R	2/24/56	6-2	220
36 Herbert Perry	R/R	9/15/69	6-2	215
11 Paul Sorrento	L/R	11/17/65	6-2	220
25 Jim Thome	L/R	8/2/70	6-4	220
13 Omar Vizquel	S/R	4/24/67	5-9	165
Outfielders				
30 Ruben Amaro	S/R	2/12/65	5-10	175
08 Albert Belle	R/R	8/25/66	6-2	210
35 Wayne Kirby	L/R	1/22/64	5-10	185
07 Kenny Lofton	L/L	5/31/67	6-0	180
24 Manny Ramirez	R/R	5/30/72	6-0	190
Pitchers				
45 Paul Assenmacher	L/L	12/10/60	6-3	210
56 Alan Embree	L/L	1/23/70	6-2	190
55 Orel Hershiser	R/R	9/16/58	6-3	198
44 Ken Hill	R/R	12/14/65	6-2	205
32 Dennis Martinez	R/R	5/14/55	6-1	180
49 Jose Mesa	R/R	5/22/66	6-3	225
41 Charles Nagy	L/R	5/5/67	6-3	200
37 Chad Ogea	R/R	11/9/70	6-2	200
38 Eric Plunk	R/R	9/3/63	6-6	220
38 Jim Poole	L/L	4/28/66	6-2	203
50 Julian Tavarez	R/R	5/22/73	6-2	165

Atlanta Braves
Manager: Bobby Cox

Catchers	B/T	BORN	HT	WT
08 Javier Lopez	R/R	11/5/70	6-3	185
11 Charlie O'Brien	R/R	5/1/61	6-2	205
12 Eduardo Perez	R/R	5/4/68	6-1	175
Infielders				
02 Rafael Belliard	R/R	10/24/61	5-6	160
04 Jeff Blauser	R/R	11/8/65	6-0	170
10 Chipper Jones	S/R	4/24/72	6-3	195
20 Mark Lemke	S/R	8/13/65	5-9	167
27 Fred McGriff	L/L	10/31/63	6-3	215
16 Mike Mordecai	S/R	12/13/67	5-11	175
Outfielders				
24 Mike Devereaux	R/R	4/10/63	6-0	195
09 Marquis Grissom	R/R	4/17/67	5-11	190
23 David Justice	L/L	4/14/66	6-3	200
18 Ryan Klesko	R/R	6/2/70	6-4	195
17 Luis Polonia	L/L	12/10/64	5-8	160
07 Dwight Smith	L/R	11/8/63	5-11	190
Pitchers				
33 Steve Avery	L/L	4/14/70	6-4	190
51 Pedro Borbon	L/L	11/15/67	6-1	205
52 Brad Clontz	R/R	4/25/71	6-1	180
47 Tom Glavine	L/L	3/25/66	6-1	190
31 Greg Maddux	R/R	4/14/66	6-0	175
38 Greg McMichael	R/R	12/01/66	6-3	215
50 Kent Mercker	L/L	2/1/68	6-2	195
26 Alejandro Pena	R/R	6/25/59	6-1	200
29 John Smoltz	R/R	5/15/67	6-3	185
43 Mark Wohlers	R/R	1/23/70	6-4	207

TEAM BATTING

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BA
Atlanta	4814	645	1202	168	618	.250
Cleveland	5028	840	1461	207	803	.291

STARTERS	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	AVG
Catcher						
Lopez, Atl	333	37	105	14	51	.315
Alomar, Cle	203	32	61	10	35	.300
First Base						
McGriff, Atl	528	85	148	27	93	.280
Sorrento, Cle	323	50	76	25	79	.235
Second Base						
Lemke, Atl	399	42	101	5	38	.253
Baerga, Cle	314	57	87	15	90	.314
Third Base						
CJones, Atl	524	87	139	23	86	.265
Thome, Cle	452	92	142	25	73	.314
Shortstop						
Belliard, Atl	180	12	40	0	7	.222
Vizquel, Cle	542	87	144	6	56	.266
Outfield						
Justice, Atl	411	73	104	24	78	.253
Klesko, Atl	329	48	102	23	70	.310
Grissom, Atl	551	80	142	12	42	.258
Ramirez, Cle	484	85	149	31	107	.308
Lofton, Cle	481	93	149	7	53	.310
Belle, Cle	546	121	173	50	126	.317
Designated Hitter						
Devereaux, Atl	55	7	14	1	8	.255
Murray, Cle	436	68	141	21	82	.323

RESERVES	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	AVG
Infielders						
Mordecai, Atl	75	10	21	3	11	.280
Blauser, Atl	431	60	91	12	31	.211
Espinoza, Cle	143	15	36	2	17	.252
Perry, Cle	162	23	51	3	23	.315
Outfielders						
Polonia, Atl	53	6	14	0	2	.264
DSmith, Atl	131	16	33	3	21	.252
Kirby, Cle	188	29	39	1	14	.207
Amaro, Cle	60	5	12	1	7	.200
Catcher						
O'Brien, Atl	198	18	45	9	23	.227
Pena, Cle	263	25	69	5	28	.262

PITCHERS	G	W-L	SV	BB	SO	ERA
Avery, Atl	29	7-13	0	52	141	4.67
Glavine, Atl	29	16-7	0	66	127	3.08
Maddux, Atl	28	19-2	0	23	181	1.63
Smoltz, Atl	29	12-7	0	72	193	3.18
Borbon, Atl	41	2-2	2	17	33	3.09
Clontz, Atl	59	8-1	4	22	55	3.65
McMichael, Atl	67	7-2	2	32	74	2.79
Mercker, Atl	29	7-8	0	61	102	4.15
Pena, Atl	27	2-0	0	7	39	2.61
Wohlers, Atl	65	7-3	25	24	90	2.09
Hershiser, Cle	26	16-6	0	51	111	3.87
Hill, Cle	12	4-1	0	32	48	3.98
DMartinez, Cle	28	12-5	0	46	99	3.08
Nagy, Cle	29	16-6	0	61	139	4.55
Assenmacher, Cle	47	6-2	0	12	40	2.82
Embree, Cle	23	3-2	1	16	23	5.11
Mesa, Cle	62	3-0	46	17	58	1.13
Ogea, Cle	20	8-3	0	29	57	3.05
Plunk, Cle	56	6-2	2	27	71	2.67
Poole, Cle	42	3-3	0	17	41	3.75
Tavarez, Cle	57	10-2	0	21	68	2.44

TEAM PITCHING

	IP	H	BB	SO	W-L	ERA
Atlanta	1291	1184	436	1087	90-54	3.44
Cleveland	1301	1261	445	926	100-44	3.83

Traveling west to east can be hazardous to your W-L record

NEW YORK (AP) – American baseball teams traveling from the Pacific time zone to the East suffer more from jet lag, two University of Massachusetts Medical Center physicians reported in a letter published in *Nature* magazine.

Dr. William Schwartz, a specialist on the biological clock, and Dr. Lawrence Recht, a neurologist, found that West Coast teams had a lower than normal winning percentage in the first two games of road trips against Eastern teams.

Moreover, the home team could expect to score 1.24 more runs than usual when the visiting team has just finished eastward travel.

Scientists have long felt that traveling from west to east produced greater jet lag than travel from east to west.

The Seattle Mariners, who scored only seven runs in their three road games at Cleveland in the American League Championship Series, were eliminated in Seattle on Tuesday by the Indians. Since the final weekend of the regular season, the Mariners have played games in Texas, New York and Cleveland.

Cleveland will have less travel in its matchup against the Atlanta Braves, and will not have to leave its time zone.

The study looked at the complete season records of the 19 major league teams based in the Eastern and Pacific times zones for the 1991-93 seasons.

Homes teams won 54.1 percent of their games. When the visiting team traveled East to West, the home team won 56.2% of the games. But when the visiting team traveled West to East, the home-team winning percentage rose to a whopping 62.9%.

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Houston takes 1st in McDonald's

Mac TA finishes 5th

LONDON (AP) – The two-time NBA champion Houston Rockets can lay claim to another title: unofficial world champions.

With Robert Horry and Clyde Drexler leading a third-quarter charge, the Rockets pulled away and beat Italy's Buckler Bologna, 126-112, in yesterday's final of the McDonald's Championship.

The Rockets maintained the NBA's supremacy in the tournament, now in its seventh edition and considered an unofficial world championship for clubs.

No NBA team has ever lost a game in the six-team event, which for the first time featured all championship clubs.

Drexler scored 25 points and had 10 assists and was voted the tournament's MVP. Sam Cassell had 23 points and Chucky Brown 22.

Former NBA standout Orlando Woolridge led Buckler with 34 points and nine rebounds.

Hakeem Olajuwon, the MVP of the NBA finals the past two seasons, sat out the McDonald's Championship with back and elbow problems.

The Rockets beat Anstralia's Perth Wildcats 116-72 in the semifinals Friday. The 44-point margin was the biggest in the history of the event.

Buckler lost in the McDonald's final for the second time in a row. The Italians lost to Phoenix two years ago in Munich.

Yesterday's game attracted a sellout crowd of 10,700 at the London Arena.

In the consolation game, Americans Ricky Grace and James Crawford scored 26 points each as the Australian champion Perth Wildcats upset European champion Real Madrid 93-86.

In the game for fifth and sixth place, former NBA star Tom Chambers scored 21 points to lead Maccabi Tel Aviv to a 107-89 win over England's Sheffield Sharks. Doron Jamchee sank 19 and Radisav Curcic contributed 18. Roger Huggins led the Sharks with 25 points and 11 rebounds.

In National Basketball League action last night, Bnei Herzliya beat Hapoel Galil Elyon 81-77. Herzliya was led by Amir Katz with 23 points. Galil's Gur Shelef led all scorers with 25.

Aussies knocked out of Dunhill

ST. ANDREWS (AP) – Howard Clark rolled in a remarkable birdie putt at the last hole as already-eliminated England upset Australia 3-0 yesterday to knock the tournament favorite out of the Dunhill Cup.

The result meant that Spain advanced to today's final stages of the £1 million championship along with Ireland, Zimbabwe and Scotland. Of the four semifinalists, only Ireland has won the title before.

Ireland downed Sweden 2-1, Zimbabwe, with Nick Price shooting a 68, overpowered New Zealand 3-0 and, in the biggest match of the day, Scotland came from behind to edge South Africa 2-1.

With both teams unbeaten after two matches, Ernie Els fired a 70 to beat Scotland's Andrew Coltart by five and put the South Africans one up.

But Sam Torrance tied the match with a 68 to beat Retief Goosen by two and Colin Montgomerie carded a 69 to beat David Frost by two and clinch the match for the Scots.

In another match, the US lost 2-1 to Canada to finish bottom of its group. Ben Crenshaw shot a 68 to win his match by four against Dave Barr despite a two-shot penalty at the 16th for mistakenly moving his ball-marker.

Peter Jacobsen lost to Canada's Ray Stewart at the first extra hole after both had scored 71 and Lee Janzen lost by one fo Rick Gibson after a 73.

A 2-1 loss would have put Australia into the semifinal but England's shutout victory put Spain through instead. The Spaniards downed Argentina 2-1.

Australia lost all three games by one stroke. US PGA titlist Steve Elkington shot a one-over 73 to tumble to Barry Lane and Norman, who had a bogey-free 69, lost to Mark James.

It was all down to the Craig Parry-Clark match and both bogeyed the 17th to go to the last level.

Parry's 15-footer rolled just past the hole to give Clark the chance to beat the Aussies.

The Sports Pages are edited by Joe Hoffman

Mac. Haifa, Bet. Jerusalem stay top of league

ORI LEWIS

MACCABI Haifa and Betar Jerusalem continue to lead the National League standings after yesterday's round of matches.

Haifa had a lucky escape in beating Zafririm Holon, while Betar was only marginally the better side in its 3-2 win over Maccabi Herzliya.

At the bottom of the standings, Maccabi Jaffa registered its second win of the season, while Hapoel Kfar Sava continues to prop up the pile, losing for the fifth time in six outings, this time to Bnei Yehuda.

Friday's top-of-the-table clash in the Second Division between Hapoel Jerusalem and Ironi Ashdod at Teddy Stadium failed to produce any goals, and with Hapoel Taiba also drawing, Hakoah Ramat Gan took over third place after its 3-1 win over Maccabi Yavne, Taiba dropped to fourth.

Mac. Haifa 2, Zafririm Holon 1

Super-sub Ofer Shitrit was again on hand to pull the pokers out of the fire for manager Giora Spiegel.

Haifa did not look composed throughout the match and managed to take the lead only in the second half when Shitrit struck from close range to put the hosts in front.

Within minutes, Haifa found itself in serious trouble when Moshe Glam deliberately handled the ball after Shai Holtzman managed to break through and beat 'keeper Rafi Cohen. Holtzman failed to take advantage of the situation when he shot straight into Cohen's hands from the resulting penalty.

Holon got a second chance in the 75th minute when its one-man advantage forced another spot kick, this time Avi Pass made no mistake and equalized for the visitors.

But the game was far from over as Shitrit had a second bite at the cherry and Haifa breathed a sigh of relief when he struck in the 82nd minute.

Mac. Herzliya 2, Bet. Jerusalem 3

Herzliya's woes – they fired coach Elisha Cohen because of poor results in midweek – were not apparent in this match.

Betar got off to the perfect start when Istvan Saloi put the visitors ahead in the fifth minute. But then, rather than slow the pace and prevent the opposition from building a momentum, it allowed Herzliya right back in the match.

Yair Simhon leveled for Herzliya on 16 minutes after receiving a perfect through ball from veteran Nissim Cohen.

Herzliya was not done, as Simhon struck again on 43 minutes with a spectacular 18-meter drive from the left side of the area which left the outstretched Itzik Kornfein in the Betar goal completely helpless.

Herzliya had little time to celebrate, as within one minute, Saloi had Betar on level terms once more.

Two minutes after the re-start, Betar again stamped its authority on the match when Ronnen Harazi hit the visitors' third goal.

But the action was far from over. Eli Ohana had at least two more chances to score. On one occasion, with the goalmouth gaping in front of him, he hit the post, as did Harazi soon afterwards.

Betar suffered a setback when Ilan Elharar was shown the red card by referee Danny Koren for a second bookable offense.

Herzliya also had some moments of hope later in the match, although it was left with nothing to show for a gutsy, exciting performance.

Mac. PT 0, Mac. Tel Aviv 3

After a slow start, the Tel Avivians really got going as Petah Tikva began to to look like a helpless bunch of no-hopers.

Nir Klinger, not normally known for his scoring ability, added his fourth goal of the season as he put Tel Aviv on the scoresheet in the 56th minute.

Defender Ofer Shelah, who, worse still, has never been on any scoresheet, notched his first goal when he made it 2-0 with a superb 20-meter volley in the 66th minute.

Eli Driks buried any hope Petah Tikva may have had of getting back into the match, converting a penalty in ten minutes from time.

Hap. Tel Aviv 0, Hap. PT 0

Both sides will be pleased with the draw, although the quality of play in this match certainly warranted goals.

Hap. Haifa 2, Ironi Rishon 0

Hapoel Haifa is still staying up there with the leaders.

Yesterday, it notched another important win against one of the league's also-rans, a must if it is to challenge for the title.

Felix Halfon put Haifa in the lead in the seventh minute with a low, angled shot.

Reuven Atar had two more chances to score and on one occasion had the ball in the net. On both, however, he was adjudged to be offside.

Ofer Talkar made sure of Haifa's victory two minutes from the end, just when Rishon upped the tempo and had threatened to equalize.

Mac. Jaffa 1, Bet. Tel Aviv 0

Jaffa doubled its points total in the standings with a lone-goal win over mid-table Betar.

Ofer Reuven rounded two players on his way to the goal and then made no mistake in beating Betar goalkeeper Sagi Strauss.

Hap. Kfar Sava 0, Bnei Yehuda 1

Bnei Yehuda traveled to the Sharon and inflicted yet another defeat on cellar dwellers Hapoel Kfar Sava.

The side's situation is getting bleaker by the week and it remains at the bottom, with just one point from six matches.

Sahar Mizrahi converted Bnei Yehuda's dominance into goals with a strike in the 65th minute when he punished a ball which rebounded off 'keeper Eran Seizinger.

Hap. Beersheba 3, Hap. Beit She'an

Sergei Gussev scored twice (seventh and 51st minutes) to boost Beersheba's climb up the table. Despite Nassim Akbaria's header in the 83rd minute, Sharon Avitan confounded Beit She'an's hopes of gaining at least one point for the long journey home when he struck three minutes from time.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
After 6 rounds

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mac. Haifa	5	1	-	13	4	16
Bet. Jerusalem	5	1	-	14	6	16
Mac. Tel Aviv	5	-	1	15	6	15
Hap. Haifa	4	1	1	15	6	13
Hap. Tel Aviv	4	1	1	9	6	13
Hap. Beersheba	2	3	1	9	7	9
Hap. Petah Tikva	2	3	1	7	5	9
Bet. Tel Aviv	2	1	3	10	10	7
Hap. Bet She'an	2	1	3	8	10	7
Mac. Petah Tikva	1	1	3	10	16	7
Mac. Jaffa	2	-	4	7	13	6
Bnei Yehuda	1	2	3	8	13	5
Zafririm Holon	1	1	4	9	13	4
Mac. Herzliya	1	1	4	3	8	4
Rishon Lezion	1	-	5	4	9	3
Hap. Kfar Sava	-	1	5	5	14	1

Ironi Rishon – (0)0 Hap. Haifa – (1)2
Halfon, 7
Talkar, 87

Hap. Kfar Sava – (0)0 Bnei Yehuda – (0)1
Mizrahi, 65

Mac. PT – (0)0 Mac. Tel Aviv – (0)3
Klinger, 56
Shelah, 66
Driks, 80 (pen.)

Mac. Jaffa – (1)1 Bet. Tel Aviv – (0)0
Reuven, 37

Hap. Beersheba – (1)3 Hap. Beit She'an – (0)1
Gussev, 7, 51
Avtan, 87

Mac. Herzliya – (2)2 Bet. Jerusalem – (2)3
Simhon, 16, 43
Saloi, 5, 44
Harazi, 47

Hap. Tel Aviv – (0)0 Hap. PT – (0)0

Mac. Haifa – (0)2 Zafririm Holon – (0)1
Shitrit, 52, 82
Pass, 75 (pen.)

SECOND DIVISION
After 5 rounds

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ironi Ashdod	3	2	-	9	3	11
Hap. Jerusalem	3	1	1	8	1	10
Hakoah RG	3	1	1	8	5	10
Hap. Taiba	3	1	1	5	5	10
Mac. Acre	2	3	-	7	4	9
Ness Ziona	2	2	-	7	7	8
Shimshon TA	1	3	1	7	5	6
Hap. Ramat Gan	1	3	1	7	8	6
Hap. Kiryat Shmona	1	5	-	4	4	5
Hap. Hadera	1	2	2	3	6	5
Mac. Yavne	1	2	2	5	9	5
Mac. Netanya	1	2	2	5	5	4
Hap. Ashdod	-	4	1	6	7	4
Mac. Kiryat Gat	1	1	3	4	6	4
Hap. Bat Yam	1	1	3	5	8	4
Hap. Kfar Shalem	-	1	4	2	9	1

Hap. Ramat Gan – 2 Ness Ziona – 2
Mac. Netanya – 1 Mac. Acre – 2
Hap. Taiba – 1 Hap. Kiryat Shmona 1
Hap. Jerusalem – 0 Ironi Ashdod – 0
Hap. Ashdod – 2 Hap. Bat Yam – 2
Shimshon TA – 1 Hap. Hadera – 1
Mac. Kiryat Gat – 2 Hap. Kfar Shalem – 1
Hakoah RG – 3 Mac. Yavne – 1

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Ferdinand hits hat-trick in Newcastle romp

LONDON (Reuter) – Newcastle United chalked up the biggest Premier League win of the season when it thumped 10-man Wimbledon 6-1 yesterday with its £6.5 million striker Les Ferdinand leading the way with a hat-trick.

Ferdinand set a post-war club record by scoring for the seventh successive match – all of which Newcastle has won.

They were already 3-0 up when Wimbledon goalkeeper Paul Heald was sent off for a second bookable offense after 55 minutes.

Second-placed Manchester United, trailing Newcastle by four points in the title race, also brushed aside a London team reduced at the finish to 10 men when it thrashed Chelsea 4-1 at Stamford Bridge.

Paul Scholes sent them on the way with two goals in the opening nine minutes. Ryan Giggs and substitute Brian McClair scored late in the game after former United idol Mark Hughes pulled one back for Chelsea.

The home side had Frank Sinclair sent off in the closing minutes for tripping McClair.

The game marked Eric Cantona's first match back in London since the January night when he attacked a Crystal Palace fan and landed himself an eight-month ban.

Heavy security at the match ensured there was no trouble for the Frenchman, who had an incident-free afternoon.

Third-placed Arsenal stayed in touch with the leaders as goals from Paul Merson and Ian Wright gave it a 2-0 home win over Aston Villa.

Fourth-placed Middlesbrough, planning to introduce its £4.5m Brazilian signing Juninho at Manchester United next week, won for the seventh successive match thanks to a 15th-minute Craig Hignett penalty which gave it a 1-0 win over Queen's Park Rangers.

Champions Blackburn needed a last-minute goal from Alan Shearer to grab a 1-1 draw at West Ham for its first away point of the season.

It was Shearer's 13th goal of the season and came just as the champions, starting the day in 11th place, were facing their fifth successive away defeat after Iain Dowie had headed West Ham into a 26th-minute lead.

PREMIER LEAGUE: Arsenal 2, Aston Villa 0; Chelsea 1, Manchester United 4; Coventry 0, Sheffield Wednesday 1; Manchester City 0, Leeds 0; Middlesbrough 1, Queen's Park Rangers 0; Newcastle 6, Wimbeldon 1; Nottingham Forest 3, Bolton 2; West Ham 1, Blackburn 1; Today: Southampton v Liverpool. Everton v Tottenham.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle	10	9	0	1	20	7	27
Man Utd	10	7	2	1	21	11	23
Arsenal	10	6	3	1	15	5	21
Middlesbrough	10	6	3	1	11	4	21
Notts Forest	10	5	5	0	18	11	20
Liverpool	9	5	2	2	15	7	17
Aston Villa	10	5	2	3	12	8	17
Leeds	10	5	2	3	14	12	17
Chelsea	10	4	3	3	11	11	15
Tottenham	9	4	2	3	14	12	14
Blackburn	10	3	2	5	13	15	11
Sheff. Wed.	10	3	2	5	9	12	11
West Ham	10	2	4	4	9	12	10
Wimbledon	10	3	1	6	14	23	10
QPR	10	3	0	7	9	16	9
Everton	9	2	2	5	11	14	8
Coventry	10	1	4	5	7	18	7
Southampton	9	1	3	5	8	16	6
Bolton	10	1	2	7	11	22	5
Manchester City	10	0	2	8	3	15	2

DIVISION ONE: Barnsley 1, Port Vale 1; Birmingham 3, Grimsby 1; Charlton 1, Norwich 1; Huddersfield 1, Sunderland 1; Oldham 2, Reading 1; Sheffield United 1, Leicester 3; Tranmere 3, Southend 0; Watford 1, Wolverhampton 1; West Bromwich 2, Portsmouth 1; Today: Crystal Palace v Millwall, Ipswich v Luton, Stoke v Derby.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester	13	7	4	2	22	15	25
West Brom	13	7	3	3	19	13	24
Birmingham	13	6	4	3	22	13	22
Millwall	12	6	4	2	13	9	22
Sunderland	13	5	6	2	15	12	21
Tranmere	12	5	5	2	20	12	20
Oldham	13	5	5	3	18	13	20
Norwich	13	5	5	3	18	14	20
Barnsley	13	5	4	4	20	25	19
Charlton	13	4	6	3	17	13	18
Huddersfield	13	5	2	6	17	20	17
Grimsby	13	4	5	4	13	15	17
Southend	13	5	2	6	12	16	17
Ipswich	12	4	4	4	20	19	16
Reading	13	3	6	4	17	18	15
Wolverhampton	13	3	5	5	17	19	14
Watford	13	3	5	5	16	17	14
Stoke	12	3	5	4	14	17	14
Derby	12	3	5	4	13	16	14
Crystal Palace	11	3	5	3	12	13	14
Sheffield United	13	3	2	8	17	25	11
Port Vale	13	2	5	6	11	18	11
Portsmouth	13	2	4	7	15	21	10
Luton	12	2	3	7	9	16	9

DIVISION TWO: Brentford 3, Peterborough 0; Bristol Rovers 0, Notts County 3; Burnley 3, Brighton 0; Carlisle 2, Bradford 2; Chesterfield 1, Shrewsbury 0; Hull 1, Stockport 1; Oxford 1, Wycombe 4; Rotherham 2, Blackpool 1; Swansea 1, Bournemouth 1; Swindon 2, Crewe 1; Walsall 1, Wrexham 2; York 0, Bristol City 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon	13	10	2	1	28	10	32
Notts County	13	7	4	2	17	9	25
Crewe	12	7	3	2	24	13	24
Blackpool	13	7	2	4	18	13	23
Burnley	13	6	4	3	18	12	22
Chesterfield	13	6	3	4	19	12	21
Wycombe	13	5	6	2	18	11	21
Bradford	13	6	2	5	19	21	20
Bristol Rovers	13	6	2	5	16	19	20
Stockport	13	5	5	3	15	10	20
Rotherham	13	5	3	5	17	16	18
Oxford United	13	4	5	4	17	15	17
Wrexham	13	4	5	4	16	17	17
Bournemouth	13	5	2	6	18	19	17
Swansea	13	3	6	4	15	19	15
Brentford	13	4	3	6	11	13	15
Peterborough	13	3	5	5	14	21	14
York	13	4	2	7	13	17	14
Bristol City	12	3	5	4	11	14	14
Walsall	13	3	4	6	14	15	13
Shrewsbury	13	3	2	8	15	24	11
Carlisle	13	2	5	6	13	20	11
Brighton	13	2	3	8	11	23	9
Hull	13	1	5	7	7	19	8



THE GIGG IS UP – Manchester United's Ryan Giggs (r) heads for a score with Chelsea's Ruud Gullit in hot pursuit. (Reuter)

Sheffield Wednesday, without a win in its four previous league games, eased its worries at the bottom with a 1-0 win at Coventry with Guy Whittingham scoring his first goal of the season after 16 minutes.

That defeat does nothing to help ease the pressure on City boss Ron Atkinson as Coventry's run without a league win increased to eight games.

The only team it has beaten this season is Manchester City – the only team without a win of its own.

But although City failed to break its duck, it at least doubled its points tally after a 0-0 draw with Leeds at Maine Road ending a run of eight successive league defeats.

Even so, Alan Ball's team has failed to win in its opening 10 league games and stay bottom, three points behind Bolton which lost 3-2 at Nottingham Forest.

Forest has now gone 23 matches since its last league defeat.

SCOTTISH PREMIER: Aberdeen 3, Partick 0; Hibernian 4, Motherwell 2; Kilmarnock 0, Celtic 0; Raith 0, Falkirk 1; Rangers 4, Hearts 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	9	8	0	1	20	3	24
Celtic	8	5	3	1	14	8	18
Aberdeen	9	5	1	3	17	11	16
Hibernian	9	4	4	1	18	12	16
Raith	9	4	0	5	12	14	12
Motherwell	9	2	4	3	11	12	10
Kilmarnock	9	2	2	5	7	13	8
Hearts	9	2	2	5	14	21	8
Partick	9	1	4	4	8	16	7
Falkirk	9	1	2	6	8	15	5

Nat'l marks set at mountain bike rally

JENNIFER MAY

NIMROD Dubinsky set a new national record in winning the Israeli Open Mountain Biking championship yesterday. Dubinsky finished with a time of 1:04.00.

Second went to Elan Edelson (1:04.01) and Benni Lobrent finished third (1:05.55).

Another Israeli record was set in the women's all-age division by Bonnie Eshel, who finished the course in 1:15.23.

Laurie Poppins captured second place (1:22.52), followed by Yael Haya'an (1:32.18).

The first-ever national championship, jointly sponsored by the Tamar Regional Coucil, Dunhill, Mercaz Hapoel, the Bicycle Union and the Mountain Biking Club of the Galil, was held in the Har Sodom/Dead Sea area. The event attracted 320 bikers.

Bikers registered for one of three courses, with lengths between 16-30 kilometers. Some 170 of the bikers participated in timed competitions, while others rode the popular or family courses. The 30km competitive course began at the Narit Pools, continued to Har Sodom, Nahal Perazim, Mishor Amiad, Nahal Amiad, Nahal Sodom and back to the Narit pools.

In the 35-44 age group, Ram Golombik captured first place with a time of 1:05.03. Finishing first in the 45-54 group was Ami Medini with a time of 1:24.50.

Ephraim Sunenberg, 68, from Nahariya took first place in the over 55 division, in 1:39.55. Dan Dubiano finished second in 1:42.13.

In the under-18 competition, Yossi Levine placed first, finishing with a time of 1:07.55.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Canadiens hire Houle, Tremblay

Reaching into their glorious past, the struggling Montreal Canadiens named Rejean Houle as general manger and Mario Tremblay as head coach yesterday.

The two posts have been vacant since last week, when club president Ronald Corey fired general manager Serge Savard and announced that head coach Jacques Demers would be assigned other duties.

Montreal is winless in five games this season, its worst start since the 1938-39 season.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS: Pittsburgh 2, Hartford 2 (OT); NY Rangers 3, Buffalo 1; NY Islanders 2, Montreal 0; Toronto 4, Calgary 3 (OT); Los Angeles 7, Washington 4; Philadelphia 4, Anaheim 2. THURSDAY'S RESULTS: Ottawa 4, Calgary 2; New Jersey 4, Detroit 2; Tampa Bay 4, Chicago 1; San Jose 3, Winnipeg 3; Dallas 1, St. Louis 1.

South Africa beats Zimbabwe by 134 runs

South Africa beat Zimbabwe by 134 runs in a one-day international yesterday in Harare. Scores: South Africa 303-5 in 50 overs (Brian McMillan 127). Zimbabwe 169-7 in 50 overs (Alistair Campbell 67 not out)

England in World Cup rugby league final

England beat Wales 25-10 yesterday at Old Trafford yesterday to put the host nation into next weekend's Rugby League Centenary World Cup final.

England will face the winner of today's clash between Australia and New Zealand.

Stich carried off court after fall

Michael Stich fell while trying to reach a drop shot from Todd Woodbridge in the first set of their match Friday and had to be carried from the court on a stretcher.

Seeking to reach the semifinals at the $500,000 CA Trophy, the 12th-ranked Stich sharply twisted his left angle and flipped over on the Green Set Trophy indoor surface. Stich tore a ligament in his left ankle.

Bengals beat Steelers

Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Jeff Blake worked over host Pittsburgh's patchwork secondary, throwing three TD passes as the Bengals dominated the Steelers 27-9 Thursday night.

Cincinnati (3-4) hadn't beaten Pittsburgh (3-4) in eight games and had never before won an AFC Central road game in David Shula's three-plus seasons as coach.

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	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	4784.86	-7.59
DJ Transport	1913.53	-2.84
DJ Utils	216.82	+1.56
DJ Comp	1610.76	-0.55
NYSE Indust	392.21	-1.89
NYSE Transport	299.25	-0.59
NYSE Comp	313.83	-1.56
S&P 100	561.2	-3.52
S&P Spot Index	567.46	-3.18
AMEX Comp	531.67	-2.44

NYSE stocks

	Unchanged	Advances	Declines
Share movements	+786	826	1325
Volume up (in 1000's)			112793
Volume down (in 1000's)			234321

Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	3551.4	+0
Tokyo Nikkei average	18157.3	+202
Singapore all-share index	612.72	0
Hong Kong Hang Seng Index	9885.24	+0
Israel Index	161.59	-3.58

Israeli stocks in NY

	Last	Change
NYSE / AMEX		
Am Is Pap	51.625	-1.5
Ampal A	5.5	+0
Anvil	0.96875	+0
BioTechnology	3.4375	-0.0625
Control Cont	14.5	+0
Frutarom (electrochem)	3.75	0
Elscint	2.75	+0.125
Elz Leviat	7.5125	+0.0625
Elz Leviat A	8.25	+0
Lasar T.	12.125	+0.375
PEC	22.5	-0.25
Tadiran	21	-0.25
NASDAQ / over-the-counter		
AG Associates	27.5	+0.5
Aladdin	9.8525	+0.375
Accom	13.875	+0.75
4TH. Dimension	3.375	-0.125
BVR	7.375	+0
Comverse	30.5	+0.5
Data (Defense)	10	+0.25
DSP Comm.	39.75	+5.25
ECI	20.75	-1.125
Edunetics	1.34375	0
Edu-Soft	8.5	-0.5
Electric Fuel	9	+0
ERR	76.75	-2.25
Efrit	20.75	-0.25
Efron	11.125	-0.375
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Silicon	2.875	0
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Volatile market

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) – Stocks fell from record highs Friday as bond prices softened and the market reacted to weak earnings reports.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks ended 7.59 points lower at 4,794.86, easing off Thursday's record close at 4,802.45.

Blue-chip stocks were volatile throughout the session, bouncing back and forth several times from the negative to positive camps.

Traders said Friday's double expiration of futures and options added to the volatility of the market.

"The breadth is bad, still negative," noted *Jim Harrick*, a stock trader at Robert W. Baird and Co. in Milwaukee. "The Dow is almost an anomaly; the rest of the *indexes are down*. Overall, the market looks sloppy."

In addition to technical factors, stocks also gave ground in sympathy with bonds, which dropped more than $5 per $1,000 face value after after Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank, said late Thursday that the Fed must continue to be vigilant against inflationary pressures.

Bond investors interpreted his comments to mean that the Fed is not likely to cut interest rates soon.

Declining issues led advancers by nearly 7 *to 5 on the New York* Stock Exchange, with 943 up, 1,351 down and 738 unchanged. Big Board volume totaled 388.13 *million* shares as of 4 p.m. vs. 406.62 million on Thursday.

The NYSE's composite index fell 1.56 to 313.83. Standard and Poor's 500-stock index fell 3.19 to 587.46. The Nasdaq composite index fell 9.23 to 1,037.74.

Transport stocks spell caution for some investors

WALL STREET WEEK

NEW YORK (AP) – Transportation stocks, long viewed as a bellwether for the equities market, have lately been lagging the Dow Jones industrials.

That has lit a caution light for some stock investors who worry that balky airline, trucking and rail stocks may be sitting down on the road to higher overall market valuations.

Low interest rates have thrown a party for the stock market to which transportation stocks were not invited, said Ed Lavarnway, head stock trader at First Albany Corp.

"If interest rates rise, the net present value of earnings from a company fall, and vice versa," he said. "So it is a little troubling that the transports aren't confirming" the drop in interest rates *since July*.

The problem is noticeable to analysts who track transport stocks compared with industrials.

Since hitting a closing high of 1,997.14 on September 15, the Dow Jones transportation index has slipped about 4 percent, closing Friday at 1,913.53. Over roughly the same time period, the Dow Jones industrial average more than matched than 25 percent growth it has made since last November.

The Dow set a record closing high this past Thursday of 4,802.45, before backing down 7.59 points Friday to close at 4,794.86, up 1.08 for the week.

According to the venerable "Dow Theory," weakness in transportation stocks often precedes a drop in the entire stock market, so stock analysts are not taking this lightly.

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FTSE down 27.2

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) – A bout of profit-taking took the gloss off a recent climb to record levels as the market lost ground for the second consecutive day, with the FTSE 100 index finishing 27.2 points lower at 3,551.4, for a fall of 16.6 since last Friday.

FRANKFURT – Currency woes plagued the German stock market, sending the DAX index sharply lower in post-bourse trade after a relatively calm floor session. The 30-share IBIS-indicated DAX index closed computer trade 27.97 points lower at 2,148.12 after ending the floor session only slightly lower at 2,170.49 points, falling 26.34 from seven days ago.

PARIS – The CAC-40 index closed down 16.58 at 1,740.72, falling 76.31 on the week.

TOKYO – Stocks finished firmer but off highs as position adjustments ahead of the weekend eroded some earlier gains in the afternoon. Selective buying of shares in high-technology firms such as Oki Electric and Toshiba supported sentiment. The 225-share *Nikkei* average ended up 201.97 points at 18,157.33, a rise of 276.5 on the week.

Mark gains strength over $

CURRENCY REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) – Italian political turmoil and stubborn doubts about European Monetary Union pushed investors to the German mark Friday, sending the US dollar to a 10-week low against the German *currency*.

In late New York trading, the dollar ended at 100.35 yen, down from 100.45 yen Thursday. It fell to 1.3976 marks from 1.4071 marks and reached its lowest rate against the mark since August 7. The dollar ended at 1,608 Italian lire, up from 1,598.

The British pound was quoted at $1.5766, up from $1.5730 late *Thursday*. Gold was *trading at a* late bid price of $381.60, unchanged. Silver closed at $5.33 a troy ounce, up from $5.30.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (20.10.95)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($50,000)	5.000	5.000	5.125
Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.750	4.875	5.000
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.625	2.625	2.875
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	1.125	1.125	1.375
Yen (10 million yen)	–	–	–

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (20.10.95)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.4173	3.4725	—	—	3.4462
U.S. dollar	2.9750	3.0230	2.92	3.07	3.0020
German mark	2.1081	2.1422	2.07	2.18	2.1289
Pound sterling	4.6751	4.7506	4.59	4.82	4.7182
French franc	0.5999	0.6096	0.58	0.62	0.6056
Japanese yen (100)	2.9587	3.0065	2.90	3.05	2.9859
Dutch florin	1.8830	1.9134	1.85	1.94	1.9001
Swiss franc	2.5831	2.6248	2.53	2.67	2.6088
Swedish krona	0.4423	0.4495	0.43	0.46	0.4459
Norwegian krone	0.4784	0.4862	0.47	0.50	0.4830
Danish krone	0.5429	0.5517	0.53	0.56	0.5479
Finnish mark	0.7004	0.7117	0.68	0.73	0.7067
Canadian dollar	2.2156	2.2514	2.17	2.29	2.2360
Australian dollar	2.2353	2.2714	2.19	2.31	2.2553
S. African rand	0.8154	0.8286	0.73	0.83	0.8226
Belgian franc (10)	1.0248	1.0414	1.00	1.06	1.0341
Austrian schilling (10)	2.9952	3.0436	2.94	3.09	3.0268
Italian lira (1000)	1.8565	1.8865	1.82	1.92	1.8731
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.06	4.36	4.2023
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.84	0.92	0.9456
ECU	3.8732	3.9357	—	—	3.9059
Irish punt	4.7794	4.8585	4.69	4.93	4.8257
Spanish peseta (100)	2.4362	2.4755	2.39	2.54	2.4595

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

MUTUAL FUNDS

Flexible

Fund's name	unit cost	redemption price	monthly yield (%)	yield/total 1995 (%)	NIS assets (in millions)
Abir	165.78	154.77	- 2.19	+ 1.82	20.9
Aflikn flexible	137.50	135.85	- 3.00	+ 8.25	8.3
Ahrayut flexible	378.25	372.25	- 3.60	+ 5.95	6.8
Analyst Diversified	530.77	528.74	- 2.07	+ 2.45	1.0
Asat	188.42	188.36	- 3.84	- 0.78	7.4
Arufa	1541.03	1512.72	- 1.07	+ 0.25	2.5
Bazak flexible	193.15	191.73	- 4.74	+ 2.73	14.2
Bejtsha 30 plus	134.34	132.54	- 2.11	+ 2.42	14.3
Bejtsha flexible	2066.00	2037.79	- 3.74	+ 13.97	9.6
Bloch Rotstein flexible	126.52	124.03	- 3.62	+ 8.59	51.8
Dovrat-Shiran flexible	127.83	125.10	- 0.81	—	4.5
Epsilon flexible	108.24	105.73	- 3.26	- 8.43	4.0
Evergreen flexible	80.27	78.55	- 3.04	+ 0.86	47.8
Idb	3008.43	2973.95	- 1.63	+ 6.88	107.5
Ibi	2337.05	2325.25	- 3.38	+ 6.29	38 6
Ibnot Tichur	181.45	178.07	- 2.13	+ 13.38	8.5
Ibnot30	111.71	109.74	- 3.36	+ 4.85	10.8
Ipex flexible	957.17	948.40	- 2.85	+ 1.25	106.4
Itsit flexible	543.79	540.42	- 5.13	- 3.97	32.9
Lehek duvtsi	132.25	131.42	- 2.93	+ 8.22	13.8
Lehek eshroni	424.26	418.22	—	- 4.51	6.9
Lemanhila	1254.37	1231.17	- 4.11	+ 10.78	43.6
Lepki	209.05	207.22	- 1.48	+ 4.27	4.5
Memon	106.55	105.27	- 1.83	+ 11.10	17.0
Meslim flexible	121.83	121.04	- 1.75	+ 1.80	5.6
Meirav	1625.59	1609.26	- 4.03	+ 1.80	103.5
Meitav flexible	2548.44	2522.89	- 1.47	+ 8.74	23.9
Mivtsi	1903.85	1891.49	- 2.70	+ 4.95	4.7
Nessua flexible	171.12	168.67	- 4.42	+ 5.84	43.6
Netz	598.57	580.34	- 1.38	+ 5.93	40.0
Noga	182.02	180.93	- 3.65	+ 4.59	7.8
Ozar Poleim	71.48	70.13	- 3.84	- 5.64	5.9
Ozar flexible	378.55	375.25	- 3.84	+ 4.36	48.9
Panther	181.88	180.38	- 2.71	+ 4.36	464.3
Pia beyoval	641.72	638.55	- 1.88	+ 7.04	109.0
Pia hole	220.14	218.15	- 3.72	+ 10.11	230.0
Peagot 100	431.77	453.78	- 4.28	+ 8.21	13.7
Peagot flexible	152.62	150.58	- 2.61	+ 7.47	318.4
Renco flexible	143.86	141.80	- 2.91	+ 4.48	3.3
Sear	82.41	82.04	- 4.53	—	48.9
Sepanoot Cesem	97.69	97.20	- 4.02	—	6.7
Sepanoot flexible	111.16	105.71	- 3.67	+ 9.46	21.8
Sigma flexible	160.87	158.62	- 4.46	+ 11.75	39.0
Shiva	2224.47	2194.09	- 4.01	+ 2.01	13.5
Tamplia flexible	81.16	80.28	- 2.58	+ 10.32	2.8
Yisrel flexible	102.44	102.37	- 1.43	—	1.0
Yesdin flexible	2340.37	2287.07	- 4.17	+ 0.98	75.7
Yesodot	94.50	93.52	- 2.87	- 0.84	4.4
Zeller flexible	11980.47	11919.38	- 1.66	- 1.68	3.7

Shares

Adif	101.02	100.67	- 4.90	+ 0.20	73.8
Aflikn shares	204.86	202.15	- 4.29	- 0.85	25.7
Ahrayut oil shares	107.89	105.47	- 7.16	- 34.77	3.7
Ahrayut real estate	167.88	163.88	- 4.25	- 6.90	23.0
Ahrayut shares	253.91	248.85	- 4.35	- 6.31	7.3
Analyst Aggressive	111.16	109.82	- 4.23	+ 8.14	30.6
Analyst Equity	852.07	831.71	- 4.19	+ 7.57	159.7
Analyst Industries	263.67	257.55	- 4.25	+ 7.39	79.8
Atlas pekan	107.73	106.83	- 2.99	+ 29.20	50.7
Baron	150.40	149.42	- 4.30	- 1.24	16.7
Bejtsha shares	3607.46	3539.51	- 3.62	+ 2.54	13.9
Brlycot	68.11	68.25	- 3.50	+ 4.56	2.6
Capital shares	72.46	71.46	- 4.45	+ 0.73	2.5
Chemical Pekan	82.51	82.00	- 4.32	+ 7.06	11.2
Dovrat-Shiran casam	96.04	94.05	- 4.96	+ 2.74	13.4
Dovrat-Shiran shares	77.73	76.09	- 3.68	+ 6.18	17.3
Emda Canaf	78.50	75.29	- 3.54	+ 19.58	3.4
Emda Casam	1552.16	1546.10	- 5.38	+ 2.82	45.9
Emda Export	64.78	63.98	- 3.05	+ 4.83	25.7
Emda Maof	147.83	148.04	- 3.96	+ 10.40	54.7
Emda Mishtanim	1444.72	1428.05	- 4.08	+ 8.51	70.0
Emda Paz	128.11	127.66	- 3.80	+ 3.64	14.0
Emda Shelavet	183.84	182.89	- 6.61	- 12.16	30.5
Emda Shani	78.02	75.58	- 4.13	+ 0.83	2.5
Epsilon 36	87.25	86.39	- 8.33	- 9.10	5.7
Epsilon shares	135.58	133.74	- 6.36	- 10.80	8.7
Erez	242.66	241.04	- 4.53	+ 2.42	229.3
Esh	613.64	601.57	- 2.94	+ 2.81	4.7
Elgar	115.80	115.08	- 3.65	+ 7.20	114.0
Evergreen shares	112.44	110.09	- 4.09	—	5.4
Eyal shares	104.34	103.90	- 4.08	—	4.9
Gal	79.39	78.32	- 3.37	+ 5.57	17.8
HaronLavi shares	97.80	95.94	- 3.81	- 3.82	1.8
Hon pekan	68.58	68.18	- 4.70	- 3.28	40.7
Ibnot Dekel	2193.62	2183.65	- 3.10	+ 9.52	108.1
Ibnot Duvdevan	1878.76	1842.23	- 3.94	+ 4.47	88.5
Ibnot Globe	101.10	99.09	- 2.55	+ 22.16	20.0
Ibnot Sheelk	676.23	663.76	- 3.67	+ 5.27	169.2
Ibnot casam	140.91	140.05	- 4.49	+ 1.80	149.7
Ibnot communication	85.03	82.69	- 4.22	+ 10.79	22.1
Ibnot Tmuna	65.25	64.69	- 3.73	+ 1.11	15.1
Ibnot maof	139.86	138.17	- 3.93	+ 10.81	59.7
Ibnot shchakim	49.94	49.02	- 6.55	- 3.62	30.6
Israel-America	134.66	133.20	- 4.89	+ 9.75	1.8
Keren zahav shares	43.65	42.77	- 4.32	- 22.35	0.2
Kiali maof	166.89	165.06	- 3.93	+ 13.84	6.1
Kiali shares	121.03	119.40	- 4.06	+ 18.39	6.4
Kohav	121.17	120.35	- 4.99	- 1.88	148.3
Lahak agamim	90.13	89.58	- 8.89	- 20.84	22.5
Lahak anafa	216.75	214.45	- 4.26	+ 1.83	29.7
Lahak anfaz	219.39	215.68	- 3.94	- 0.87	21.9
Lahak ron	85.01	84.20	- 2.88	+ 18.98	9.8
Lahak salit	102.18	101.58	- 4.26	- 4.49	101.7
Lahak sigacoy	73.29	72.54	- 3.29	+ 4.48	48.8
Lahak tayarut	52.27	51.55	- 2.84	- 7.76	18.4

Company Bonds

Aflikn bonds	216.28	213.36	- 1.79	+ 11.84	18.9
Ahrayut bonds	136.24	133.60	- 2.19	+ 1.76	7.1
Amigal bonds	97.26	97.10	- 0.81	+ 3.81	1.2
Amitim	93.86	92.85	- 0.92	+ 2.77	26.0
Analyst Corporate Bonds	206.58	204.70	- 1.82	+ 2.98	117.8
Analyst Money Market	111.90	111.59	+ 1.04	+ 11.58	5.2
Bejtsha Money Market	101.09	101.09	+ 0.80	—	44.2
Bejtsha conv' bonds	2223.11	2193.84	- 1.96	+ 0.67	20.7
Bloch Rotstein bonds	115.09	113.44	+ 0.31	+ 9.14	3.8
Bond	133.73	131.95	- 1.19	+ 1.08	2.5
Capital bonds	111.44	110.58	+ 0.24	+ 11.09	1.1
Dovrat-Shiran bonds	115.70	113.93	- 2.40	+ 4.80	37.2
Elron	251.80	249.95	- 7.47	+ 7.47	114.9
Emda Shantsv	73.01	72.57	- 1.86	- 4.48	5.4
Epsilon Corporate Bonds	93.09	91.90	- 1.02	- 7.98	10.4
Epsilon Money Market	102.56	102.56	+ 0.81	—	95.0
Evergreen shkoolt	107.16	106.45	- 0.22	+ 4.11	13.5
Eyal Corporate Bonds	103.51	103.15	- 0.87	—	8.4
Guy	486.36	478.74	- 1.20	+ 5.26	107.3
Halamish	217.82	215.42	- 0.18	+ 5.27	28.9
Hamara	850.63	841.04	- 1.93	+ 0.90	79.3
Haroni.sw	185.13	183.93	- 1.11	+ 0.28	3.1
Hotz	421.94	421.94	+ 1.12	+ 12.04	294.9
I.B.J shtsolim	100.79	100.79	—	—	—
Ibnot Agas	338.27	330.13	- 0.28	+ 7.27	33.5
Ibnot Alon	1602.87	1573.76	+ 0.12	+ 7.24	44.8
Ibnot Amon	146.97	144.29	+ 0.01	+ 6.41	24.1
Ibnot Eshel	568.54	558.10	- 0.25	+ 7.08	125.4
Ibnot Elrog	786.24	742.39	- 0.89	+ 1.89	61.2
Ibnot Oren	3057.27	3018.48	- 0.48	+ 6.12	147.3
Ibnot Orion	154.67	154.67	- 0.09	+ 7.10	33.9
Ibnot Rimon	366.60	366.60	+ 0.06	+ 12.42	127.2
Ibnot Shahar	174.87	173.81	+ 0.43	+ 8.12	28.7
Ibnot Shakad	244.11	238.78	+ 0.30	+ 6.69	42.2
Keshet	321.04	319.00	- 0.97	+ 3.83	57.1
Kiali corporate bonds	154.49	153.27	- 0.98	+ 5.52	4.4
Kiali zmina	123.80	123.80	+ 1.11	+ 13.86	48.0
Lahak shelding	173.27	173.27	- 1.00	+ 0.27	97.7
Lahak yesoor	130.10	130.10	+ 0.96	+ 12.50	31.5
Maagal	1003.31	995.06	+ 0.44	+ 8.28	48.7
Maflarit	224.89	224.89	- 1.18	+ 8.70	50.9
Maskorat Plus	101.95	101.95	+ 0.13	—	7.1
Melmad	334.23	331.48	+ 0.11	+ 7.15	26.7
Meitav corp' conv' bonds	104.97	104.05	- 1.58	—	6.1
Migvan	1508.21	1496.41	- 0.25	+ 8.15	114.3
Mivtsh	469.49	465.49	- 0.86	+ 3.22	47.5
Mivtsr	430.91	427.41	+ 0.67	+ 8.29	40.3
Nessua Corporate Bonds	125.11	124.33	- 2.26	+ 1.59	10.8
Pia gedish	1474.90	1453.55	- 0.56	+ 5.84	288.8
Pia heitlin	372.73	372.73	+ 0.02	+ 11.90	63.3
Pia ophir	446.41	443.84	+ 0.46	+ 7.74	111.2
Pia or	812.54	797.78	- 1.18	+ 4.94	181.2
Pia squia	252.06	247.40	- 0.05	+ 4.77	51.1
Pia shtsolr	1092.55	1043.17	+ 0.12	+ 3.85	165.7
Pia truita	286.48	281.18	- 0.82	+ 5.05	40.5
Pia yozma	175.10	171.90	- 0.10	+ 4.98	38.1
Pi	211.43	209.86	- 1.25	+ 0.89	5.2
Peagot each moneni	159.09	159.09	+ 0.96	+ 11.73	50.0
Peagot monthly	103.19	101.37	+ 0.57	+ 9.80	28.0
Peagot yezira	414.71	412.28	- 2.19	+ 3.32	286.0
Shkoola	116.58	116.14	+ 0.80	+ 11.82	5.1
Shoodan bonds	117.71	115.86	- 1.59	- 0.58	8.5
Shoodan Interest	103.54	103.54	+ 0.85	—	148.0
Tsuk	280.63	259.33	- 0.80	+ 7.36	20.3
Tsuut Han	110.21	109.33	- 1.51	+ 9.33	13.5
Yisrel	202.01	200.98	- 0.04	+ 8.59	21.8
Zeller conv' bonds	97.34	96.53	- 2.32	+ 0.69	1.6
Zeller junk bonds	101.18	100.84	- 2.10	—	3.4
Zion bonds	1434.38	1423.57	- 1.66	+ 1.09	5.6

Foreign Currency

Aflikn hul	161.92	159.18	- 1.90	+ 32.02	10.4
Analyst Europe	124.06	121.22	- 1.85	+ 7.83	54.2
Bejtsha hul	149.66	147.51	- 0.44	+ 33.88	5.6
Dollar	101.49	100.19	- 2.29	+ 6.35	7.5
Ibnot Dolev	185.47	183.09	- 1.20	+ 1.17	6.4
Ibnot Hul	711.85	698.68	- 0.32	+ 5.21	69.9
Ibnot Ilan	177.93	225.32	- 0.67	+ 19.89	71.2
Inbal Pekan	188.86	174.95	- 0.90	+ 18.39	46.1
Lahak cosmos	112.44	112.14	+ 0.76	- 4.75	166.5
Lahak hobi	454.84	451.96	- 0.44	+ 3.11	65.8
Lak kshet	318.06	316.86	- 0.62	+ 5.29	104.8
Malach	185.66	183.19	- 2.17	+ 8.06	1.7
Magad	724.80	718.46	- 0.49	+ 5.33	16.9
Meitav foreign currency	221.03	219.11	- 1.15	+ 4.32	5.5
Moriah	146.66	144.43	- 1.31	+ 16.70	28.2
Orzal hul	75.40	71.80	- 1.81	- 1.43	1.1
Ozar universe	105.66	103.70	- 0.85	—	3.8
Pia hul	346.28	343.66	- 0.10	+ 12.54	142.5
Pia isher	124.13	121.82	- 0.33	+ 3.43	110.6
Pia prime	106.76	105.31	+ 1.21	+ 10.92	32.9
Pia target	143.93	141.89	- 0.39	+ 8.92	144.1
Peagot foreign currency	398.79	399.50	- 0.92	+ 5.25	103.0
Peagot hul	114.42	113.82	- 0.26	+ 4.38	82.0
Peshet	427.72	424.05	- 0.36	+ 9.74	44.6
Rosen Continental	154.99	154.23	+ 0.76	+ 10.48	12.5
Sepnoot real estate	83.42	81.96	- 2.07	- 0.59	8.3
Tevel	961.83	956.36	- 0.64	+ 10.04	67.7
Thaber	343.39	341.76	- 0.43	+ 8.88	19.3

Mixed

Enda General	187.23	185.36	- 1.48	+ 3.86	103.1
Gonen	928.29	924.84	- 1.02	+ 8.29	185.5
Ibnot Barak	1868.43	1822.72	- 1.84	+ 5.98	46.9
Ibnot Te'ana	2383.85	2339.93	- 1.62	+ 6.18	78.7
Lahak tzofi	1091.00	1070.71	- 2.55	+ 8.18	85.6
Mid Dilda	330.68	327.72	- 1.33	+ 4.16	179.0
Pia	5798.39	5681.86	- 1.67	+ 8.07	353.7
Peagot mixed	466.78	447.03	- 2.31	+ 5.05	287.5
Peagot world	135.49	134.06	- 2.98	+ 7.76	75.0
Tamdiv	89.74	89.32	- 3.74	+ 0.80	15.0

SOURCE: MIITAV Ltd – Managers of Mutual Funds and Security Investments DATE: 19-OCT-95

INT'L MONEY MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

		Last	Change
Pound:	spot	1.5725	-0.0056
	Dec.future (CME)	1.5704	-0.0018
D-mark:	spot	1.3977	-0.0077
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7174	+0.0047
S-franc:	spot	1.1408	-0.0058
	Dec.future (CME)	0.8814	+0.0045
Yen:	spot	100.36	+0.03
	Dec.future (CME)	0.010097	+1.8e-005
CanDlr:	spot	1.3555	+0.013
	Dec.future (CME)	0.739	-0.0066
AusDlr:	spot	0.7526	-0.0038
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7474	-0.0011
F-franc:	spot	4.915	-0.0313
It Lire:	spot	1606	+9.5
Nig:	spot	1.5681	-0.0122
AuStNg:	spot	9.865	-0.08
Rand:	spot	3.643	-0.007
ECU:	spot	1.3085	+0.0056
Bonds	future	118.719	-0.59375
S and P	future	588.65	-4.3

Libor rates

		Last	Change
Dollar	3 months	5.9375	0
Dollar	*6 months*	5.875	0
Dollar	12 months	5.8437	0
Sterling	3 months	6.8125	0
Sterling	6 months	6.875	0
Sterling	12 months	6.875	0
S-franc	3 months	2.125	0
S-franc	6 months	2.1875	-0.0625
S-franc	12 months	2.25	-0.0625
D-mark	3 months	4.1/25	0
D-mark	6 months	4.0937	0
D-mark	12 months	4.0937	0
Yen	3 months	0.1875	0
Yen	6 months	0.25	0
Yen	12 months	0.25	0

(Spot market fixings are from approximately 22:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

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INT'L COMMODITIES AND METALS

US commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (CEC)	1314	-5
Coffee (Dec) (CEC)	124.95	-0.5
Sugar no.11 (May) (CEC)	10.67	-0.01
Wheat (Dec) (CBOT)	308.75	-1.25
Soybean (Nov) (CBOT)	672.25	+8.25
Orange juice (Nov)(CEC)	119.1	+1.1
Crude oil light (Nov)(CEC)	17.37	+0.05

London commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (LCE)	918	-1
Coffee (Nov) (LCE)	2563	-13
Brent crude oil (Nov)(IPE)	1631	0

Spot market metals (US)

		Last	Change
Gold:	spot	381.85	-0.15
Silver:	spot	5.37	+0.05

New York metal futures

	Last	Change
Gold (Dec)	384.1	+0.3
Silver (Dec)	5.37	+0.038
Platinum (Oct)	410.9	0.3
Palladium (Dec.)	136.5	-0.1
High-grade copper (Dec)	1.2305	-0.018

CRITIC'S CHOICE

OPERA

HELEN KAYE

CLOSE your eyes and just listen to this production of Bizet's *Carmen* at the New Israeli Opera conducted by Gary Bertini. Stephen Lawless's passionless staging is embarrassingly poor but the production is vocally rewarding in parts. As Don Jose, tenor Neil Rosenshein gets into his stride in Act II, after he loses Carmen (Kathryn Harries) to Jason Howard's ringing Escamillo. In fact when Howard is on stage there's suddenly life. Harries's voice has good color and rich timbre. Her Carmen is a woman fighting time with sexuality. Tonight and Tuesday at 8 p.m; Friday at 2 p.m. (French with Hebrew supertitles)

DANCE

HELEN KAYE

THE Israel Ballet presents the Israeli premiere of choreographer Rudi van Dantzig's *Four Last Songs* set to Richard Strauss's music. Van Dantzig was one of the founders of the Dutch National Ballet and was its artistic director and chief choreographer for many years. Tonight in Shercover Hall, the Jerusalem Theater, at 8:30 p.m.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Haifa Symphony Orchestra opens its 1994/95 season with the local premiere of the Requiem by Michael Haydn (younger brother of Franz Joseph) with a distant relation by marriage as one of the soloists. Countess Christine Obermayr, mezzo soprano, is married to a member of the renowned Esterhazy family, the very patrons of the arts who employed the elder Haydn for many years. Paul Schoenfield's *Klezmer Rondos* will also receive its local premiere. Tonight, tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday at the Haifa Auditorium (8:30).

Before embarking on a tour of Spain, Zubin Mehta and the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra present the opening concert of its youth series today (5:30) at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv. As is customary Mehta hosts several young soloists. Seventeen-year-old Arielle Gill plays the first movement from the Lalo Violin Concerto, bassoonist Elinoy Yogev, also 17, plays Weber's Andante and Rondo Hungarese and Ehud Weber, 15, plays the first movement from Lalo's Cello Concerto.



Countess Christine Obermayr solos with the Haifa Symphony Orchestra.

TELEVISION

RUTH KERN

CONSIDERING that the best food in Britain is, well, Indian, it may be surprising that the BBC puts on such a sumptuous spread of cooking programs. Three of the hosts not only offer a full range of culinary skills, but also dish up tasty sociological slices of the UK.

There was reliable, slightly purse-lipped Delia Smith, carefully measuring out summer recipes with all the verve of a home-economics instructor – her perfectly manicured garden vying for attention in the background. Cheeky punk-chef Keith Rhodes was as memorable for his spiky hairdo as for his energetic, if inarticulate, boosterism of local cuisine.

These days, food fop Keith Floyd in back on the menu. Always a bit tipsy, the floppy-banged, bowtied Floyd comes across as the gentleman amateur. He's the most entertaining of the three – kibbitzing with other cooks, sticking his fingers in the sauce and chowing down with whatever locals he finds himself with. In his current series, *Floyd's American Pie*, he susses out the finest meals across the Atlantic, including Cajun gumbo.

Catch up with Floyd tonight at 7:25, Monday at 11:25 a.m., Tuesday at 6:25 p.m., Wednesday at 11:25 p.m. and Thursday at 4:25 p.m.



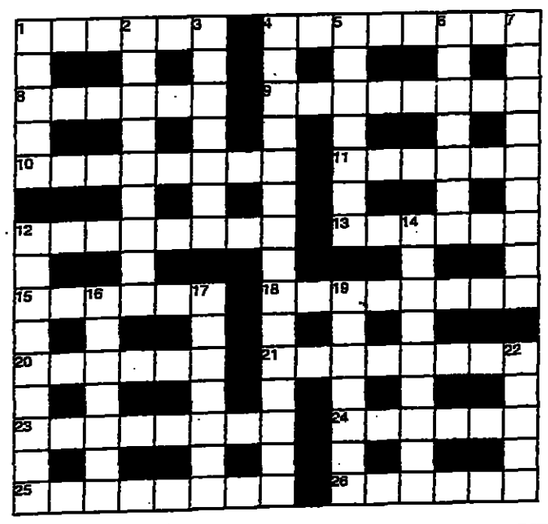
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Begin to put things in order (3,3)
4 Declare one's intention to shout abuse (3-5)
8 A very loud song causes concern (6)
9 A figure that needs altering in shape (8)
10 Era of violence requires fibre (8)
11 Sedative I consumed after work (6)
12 Point of departure for a period in Alabama (8)
13 Sacrifice made in the interest of self-esteem (6)
15 Endorsed by Italian male in front of Mr Sherrin (6)
18 Not playing, so cancelled the coach (3-5)
20 Virtually everyone has some reservation (3,3)
21 Flower in cathedral city comes from the Orient (8)
23 Go over the limit (8)
24 Serial produced in the Middle East (6)
25 US trucker finds side-street and about-turns (8)
26 Defences we discovered among the hills (6)

DOWN

1 One embraced by a celebrity in flight (5)
2 Unionist procures grazing land in Arab sultanate (9)
3 The ground to soak up water (7)
4 Not dressed for brewing ale there tonight (2,3,10)
5 Gave up after being made redundant (4,3)
6 Chisel found in French tomb (7)
7 The umpire takes aggregate as a result (9)
12 Will Oriental rugs be put up in a Bedouin dwelling? (9)
14 Crumbling terrace in Hyde Park (6,3)
16 One criminal set up by American agents in Spain (7)
17 Take away pamphlet issued by Employment Dept (7)
19 Right-wing Conservative is interrupted quickly (7)
22 The Lord Lieutenant is in agreement. Cheers! (5)



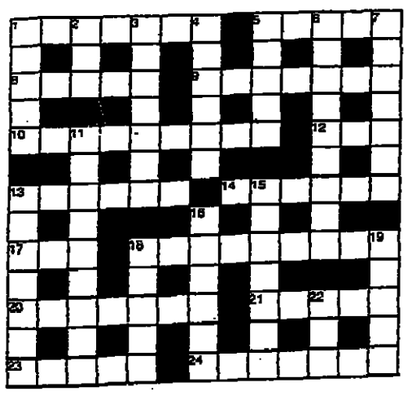
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Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Bosun, 4 Narrows, 8 Integer, 9 Poser, 10 Agree, 11 Enlarge, 13 Cede, 15 Equity, 17 Ashes, 20 Acre, 22 Peevish, 24 Solve, 26 Agent, 27 Precise, 28 Kestrel, 29 Digit.

DOWN: 1 Brigade, 2 Satyr, 3 Neglect, 4 Nursed, 5 Repel, 6 Observe, 7 Swipe, 12 Near, 14 Eyas, 16 Useless, 18 Descend, 19 Element, 21 Chapel, 22 Prank, 23 Inter, 25 Lying.



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Over-serious (7)
5 Foreign Secretary 1945-51 (5)
8 On high (5)
9 Dancing companion (7)
10 Aggressively defiant (9)
12 Regret (3)
13 Forte (6)
14 Courageous (6)
17 Inexpert actor (3)
18 Exacting (9)
20 Australian bush (7)
21 Absolute (5)
23 Street urchin (5)
24 Shining (7)

DOWN

1 Glorify (5)
2 Greek 'Y' (3)
3 Rouse great interest (7)
4 Surpassed (6)
5 Split (5)
6 Cardiac chamber (9)
7 Children's room (7)
11 Final demand (9)
13 Chinese game (7)
15 Sluggish (7)
16 Securities agent (6)
18 Blemish (5)
19 Fortune-telling card (5)
22 Beverage (3)

TELEVISION

■ CHANNEL 1

6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 The European Miracle 8:30 Society 8:55 Reading Comprehension 9:10 Nature 9:25 Children's programming 10:00 Family Connection 10:30 General History 10:55 Science 11:10 English 11:20 Math 11:45 Judaism 12:05 Life Sciences 12:20 Mathematics 12:25 French 12:40 Society 13:10 Waves – documentary 13:35 Cartoons 14:05 Gulliver's Travels 14:35 Cartoons 15:00 Beautiful Butterfly

■ CHANNEL 1

15:30 The Smurfs 15:50 Dramatized short stories 16:00 Matinee: Ma'aleh Hakarahot – play about a fictional town in which all the inhabitants are bald 16:50 Garfield 17:00 A New Evening 17:35 Screen Wonders – youth drama 18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Artists to Be – young performers make their debut 19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 Kol Erev – Meirav Michaeli hosts a daily program airing non-news items 20:00 Mabat 20:45 Baba Luba – Israeli singer Danny Bassan was born in Brazil, where he was abandoned by his father. At age 40, together with a TV team he sets out in search of the father he hasn't seen in 35 years 22:05 World soccer 23:30 News 00:00 Stories of the Good Land

■ CHANNEL 2

13:00 Byrds of Paradise 14:00 Flying Doctors 15:00 The Flintstones 15:35 Paradise Beach 16:05 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News 17:30 Action 18:00 Senora 19:00 Family Album – Danielle Steele novel 20:00 News 20:30 Wheel of Fortune – quiz show 21:05 Who Will Love My Children (1983) – A dying mother fights to have her 10 children adopted by loving families before she dies. Starring Ann Margret and Frederic Forrest (100 mins) 23:00 Walker Texas Ranger 00:00 News 00:05 A Small Place 00:35 Poem of the Day

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JORDAN TV

14:00 The Flintstones 14:30 Joshua Jones 14:45 Family Playhouse 15:00 Scientic Eye 15:30 Pugwall's Summer 16:00 I Love Lucy 16:30 Tarzan 17:00 French programs 19:30 News Headlines 19:35 Nurses 20:00 Cinema, Cinema 20:25 The Bold and the Beautiful 21:10 Heartbeat 22:00 News in English 22:25 Counterstrike 23:10 Cassidy 00:30 Keeping Up Appearances – comedy

MIDDLE EAST TV

10:00 Changed Lives 10:30 Quentin Road 11:30 Hour of Power 12:30 Central Message 13:00 Love Worth Finding 14:00 Benny Hinn 14:30 John Osteen 15:00 In Touch 16:00 Foundations of a Happy Family 16:30 Angel On My Shoulder (1980) – a murderer makes a deal with the devil and returns to earth as a judge. Starring Paul Muni and Claude Rains (100 mins) 18:10 Christy 19:10 48 hours 20:00 CNN Headline News 21:00 NBA Action Show 21:30 NBA 23:30 Studio 7 00:00 Suddenly (1954) – Thriller about three hit men who are hired to assassinate the American president. Starring Frank Sinatra and Sterling Hayden (77 mins)

CABLE

■ FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Roxanne 9:00 One Life to Live 9:50 The Young and the Restless 10:30 Perfect Strangers 10:55 The Wonder Years 11:25 Celeste 12:10 Neighbors 12:35 Perry Mason 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 The Commish 14:55 Roxanne 15:40 Melrose Place 16:30 Neighbors 16:55 Antonella 17:45 Israeli Clips 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Murphy Brown 20:00 Celeste 20:50 Law and Order 21:40 Once I Dreamt that Daddy Came Home – documentary about Ron Arad 22:30 The Commish 23:20 Seinfeld 23:45 Capital News 00:35 St. Elsewhere 1:25 Dangerous Curves

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 Hester Street (1975) (rpt) 12:50 The Lavender Hill Mob (1951) (rpt) 13:25 E! TV 14:10 The Abduction of Karl Swenson (1987) (rpt) 17:40 C.A.T. Squad (1986) – pseudo-documentary about an elite unit destroying a terrorist group who are threatening world peace (95 mins) 19:15 What's New at the Movies 19:25 The Good Fight (1992) – Christine Lahti fights the cigarette manufacturers (rpt) 21:00 Silence of the Hams (1993) – a detective hunting down a serial killer is helped by a cannibalistic psychiatrist. Spoof of... guess what! 22:25 Class Act (1992) – teen comedy about the first day of high school, when the files of a delinquent and a straight-A student get swapped by mistake. Directed by Randall Miller (84 mins) 00:00 Hi Carmela (1990) – Spanish drama set during the 1938 Civil War (rpt) 1:40 The Elephant Man (1980) (rpt) 3:50 Deadly Medicine (1991) (rpt)

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 8:00 Surprise Garden 9:00 Sandokan 9:30 Magic Bus 10:00 Mighty Max 10:35 Guts 11:00 Beverly Hills 90201 11:45 Class of 96 12:30 Surprise Garden 13:30 Feivel 13:50 Cartoons 14:10 White Fang 14:30 Mighty Max 15:05 Back to the Future 15:30 Getting Along Alone 16:00 The A Team 17:00 Black Stallion 17:30 Surprise Garden 18:30 Sandokan 19:00 Magic Bus 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:30 Perfect Strangers 20:55 Step by Step 21:20 Cheers 21:45 Clips

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Cross of Iron (1977) – Brutally realistic drama set during WWII when a German battalion is wiped out by the Russian army. Starring James Coburn, James Mason and Maximilian Schell. Directed by Sam Peckinpah (127 mins) 00:10 On Purge Bebe (1931) – this French comedy, Jean Renoir's first talkie, is the story of a porcelain manufacturer's attempt to make 200,000 unbreakable chamber pots for the French army (80 mins)

■ DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University: Art and Culture 12:00 Storm Chasers 13:00 Body Atlas 13:30 Wild South 14:00 Open University (rpt of morning's programs) 16:00 Storm Chasers 17:00 Body Atlas 17:30 Wild South 18:00 Open University (rpt of morning's programs) 20:00 Dr. Jekyll and Mrs. Hyde 21:00 Survival 21:30 Nature on Track 22:00 Beyond 2000 22:45 Dr. Jekyll and Mrs. Hyde 23:45 Open University (repeat of morning's programs)

■ ITV 3 (33)

18:00 News flash in Arabic 18:15 Open Studio 17:00 Sage of the Ages 18:00 Weekly Column – In Arabic 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Telekesset bulletin 19:35 Rodeo 20:00 Detective series 21:00 Mabat 21:45 Telekessef 22:15 Nicholas Nickleby – part 2

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Hey Dad 16:00 Doing Business (rpt) 16:30 Spirited Talks (rpt) 18:00 Keep Fit 18:15 Neon Riders 19:00 Zombit 19:30 More Zombit 20:00 A New Evening (with Russian subtitles) 20:30 Hey Dad (rpt) 21:00 Heart Beat

■ SUPER CHANNEL

6:30 NBC News 7:00 Weekly Business 7:30 NBC News 8:00 Strictly Business 8:30 Winners 9:00 ITN News 10:00 Air Combat 11:00 Frost's Century 13:00 The McLaughlin Group 13:30 Europe 2000 14:00 Executive Lifestyles 14:30 Talkin Jazz 15:00 Supersport 18:00 Meet the Press 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Fashion World 20:00 Wine Express 20:30 The Best of the Selina Scott Show 21:30 NBC News Magazine 22:30 ITN News 23:00 Best of The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 00:00 Golf

■ STAR PLUS

6:30 India Show 7:00 Quantum 7:30 Firm Friends 8:30 The Fall Guy 9:30 Vegas 10:30 Best Sellers Miniseries: All the Rivers Run (part 2 of 3) 13:30 The World Around Us 14:30 India Show 15:00 Holiday 15:30 Man About the House 16:00 And Mother Makes Three 16:30 Beverly Hills 90210 17:30 Picket Fences 18:30 Street Legal 19:30 The Bill 20:30 Star Trek: The Next Generation 21:30 India Business Week 22:30 India Show 23:00 Oprah Winfrey 00:00 Hard Copy 00:30 Home and Away 1:00 The Sullivans

■ CHANNEL 5

7:00 – 8:30 Bodies in motion 16:00 Bodies in motion 16:30 Rosh Tov 16:50 National league soccer 17:50 Live Premier League soccer: Southampton vs Liverpool 20:00 To be announced 20:45 Bowling 21:45 Brazilian league soccer 23:15 Premier League soccer: Southampton vs Liverpool

■ EUROSPORT

7:00 Live F1 Grand Prix from Japan 9:00 Formula 1 10:30 Touring car racing 11:00 Live motorcycling from Spain 14:00 Live ATP tennis from Vienna 16:30 Cycling from France 18:30 F1 Grand Prix from Japan 20:00 Motorcycling from Spain 22:00 Formula 1 23:30 Motorcycling from Spain 00:30 Boxing

■ PRIME SPORTS

6:00 Baseball from Japan 9:00 Li tennis from China 11:30 Asian spor show 12:00 Live Chinese league so cer 14:00 F1 Grand Prix from Jape 16:30 Baseball from Japan 19:00 Li NFL: Atlanta Falcons vs Tampa Ba Buccaneers 22:00 F1 Grand Prix fro Japan 00:30 Asian sports show 1:0 WWF

■ BBC WORLD

News on the hour 6:00 BBC Worl News 6:25 Floyd and American Pi 7:25 Britain in View 8:25 India Bus ness Report 9:25 World News Wee 10:05 Assignment 11:25 The Clothe Show 12:05 Heart of the Matter 13:2 The Late Show 14:05 Under the Blu Flag 15:05 Breakfast With Frost 16:2 Time Out: Top Gear 17:05 Horizo 18:25 Time Out: The Travel Show 19:25 Floyd and American Pie 20:2 On the Record 21:25 Britain in Vievee 22:00 World Debate: The Role of the UN 23:25 One Foot in the Past 00:2 World Business Report

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL

News throughout the day 6:3 Global View 7:30 Money Week 8:3 Inside Asia 9:30 Science and Technology 10:30 Style with Elsa Klenschith 11:00 World Report 12:30 World Business Week 13:30 World Sport 14:30 CNN Computer Connection 15:00 Larry King Weekend 16:30 World Sport 17:30 Technology 18:30 Travel Guide 19:30 Moneyweek 20:00 World Report 22:30 Future Watch 23:00 Style with Elsa Klensch 23:30 World Sport 00:00 The World Today

■ SKY NEWS

News on the hour 7:30 CBS 48 Hours 10:30 Business Sunday 11:00 Sunday with Adam Boulton 12:30 The Book Show 13:30 Week in Review 14:30 Beyond 2000 15:30 CBS 48 Hours 16:30 Business Sunday 17:30 Week in Review 19:30 Fashion TV 20:30 Current Affairs 21:30 The Book Show 22:30 Sky Worldword Report 00:30 CBS Weekend News

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Musical Matinee 9:05 Handel: Concerto Grosso in B minor (Franz Liszt CO/Rolla); Bach: Sonata in C minor for flute, violin and continuo from Musical Offering (Rampal, Stern, with cello and harpsichord accomp); Beethoven: String quartet in D op 18/3 (Cleveland Qt); Schumann: Symphony no 4 (cond. Wand); Tchaikovsky: Piano concerto no 1 (Pogorelich/London SO/Abbado); Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherazade (London PO/Jansons) 12:00 Light Classical – Israel Philharmonic Orch, Israel Chamber Orch. Vivaldi: Symphony in C (Mintz/ICO); Mendelssohn: Piano concerto no 1 (Hahn/ICO); Lalo: Symphonie espagnole (Mintz/IPO) 13:00 Artist of the Week – pianist Murray Perahia. Beethoven: Piano concerto no 5 (Concertgebouw/Haitink); J.S. Schroeter: Piano concerto in C op 3/3 (with English CO) 14:06 Encore – Grieg: In Autumn overture (Oslo PO/Jansons); Eivind Groven: Piano concerto (Trondheim SO) 15:00 From the Record Shelf 16:00 Music for Sunday – Dandrieu: Mass; Barber: Agnus Dei; Hasse: Requiem in C 18:00 New CDs – Schubert: Piano trio in E flat op 100 (Mozart Players); Gorecki: Good Night for soprano, alto flute, 3 tomtoms and piano op 63, Requiem op 66 (London Sinfonietta/Zinman) 20:05 From Our Concert Halls – live broadcast from Haifa Auditorium. Haifa Symphony Orch. cond. Stanley Sperber.. Vaughan Williams: Serenade to Music; Pinhas Scheinfeld: "Nigunei Klezmer" (Israeli premiere); M. Haydn: Requiem in C minor 23:00 Sounds to End the Day

CINEMA

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE Les Silences du Palais 5 ★ A Man of No Importance 9 G.G. GIL Jerusalem Mall (Malha) Apollo 13●The Bridges of Madison County 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Jack and Sara 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Carrington●Under Siege II●Fresh 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ French Kiss 7:15, 9:45 ★ The Golden Mail Gang 4:45 RAV CHEN 1-7☎ 792799 Credit Card Reservations☎ 794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot Dolores Claiborne 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Nine Months●The Postman●Smoke●Forget Paris 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ First Knight 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Don Juan de Marco 7:30, 9:45 ★ Sleeping Beauty (Hebrew dialogue) 5 SEMADAR Muriel's Wedding 9 ★ Priscilla 11 ★ Ermo 7

TEL AVIV
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Decision on Histadrut corruption charges expected

MICHAL YUDELMAN and RAINE MARCUS

THE attorney-general is expected to decide this week whether to indict some former senior Histadrut officials on corruption charges, after consulting with the police and the State Attorney's Office.

Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar, a former Histadrut secretary-general, was questioned Friday morning once again by the police team investigating the allegations of corruption in the Histadrut. Former senior Histadrut officials are suspected of using labor federation funds for Labor Party elections both in for the Histadrut and for party primaries before the last Knesset elections.

Sources close to Kessar said that the re-opening of the investigation against him was initiated by people within the Labor Party for political motives.

Kessar, said police, answered all questions posed to him by his investigators. A senior police source added there is apparently insufficient evidence to indict Kessar, who has always maintained his innocence.

"The evidence against Minister Kessar is inconclusive, and is borderline, but the state attorney has the final decision," said the source. "There are some details that have to be clarified."

Kessar was last interrogated nearly five months ago, when he told the police that he did not know about a financial contribution from Austrian trade unions to the Histadrut, and did not deal with this matter. Police suspect that part of this contribution, which is made annually to support various research projects, made its way to fund Kessar's election campaigns.

Indictments are expected of other senior Histadrut officials, including former secretary-general Haim Haberfeld and former treasurer Arthur Yisraelovitz.

Yisraelovitz, who is believed to have changed his testimony recently, reportedly told the police that he knew of the money from Austria and that Kessar also knew of it.

Yisraelovitz, who has been questioned 15 times by the police in connection with allegedly illegal financial transactions in the Histadrut, claimed he did not know of any such transactions in the Histadrut, and had in the past consistently refused to implicate his colleagues.

He has also refused a police proposal that he turn state's witness in return for immunity from prosecution.

But in his last interrogation, when police told him that all his former Histadrut colleagues were denying all connection with the allegations dumping the whole case on him, he admitted knowledge of the Austrian funding.

In an interview in Friday's *Ma'ariv*, Yisraelovitz said that "those who want to bury Kessar are using me as a springboard to finish him off politically. Add to this the ambition of Police Minister Moshe Shahal...who announced at the early stages of the investigation that soon indictments would be presented, and named names. This was before the prosecution had even seen the investigation material."

During his last interrogation, Yisraelovitz said "they called me and said that everyone had thrown me to the dogs, including Kessar, who said he knew nothing of the primaries' campaign funds. I said that I knew about the funds from Austria, and so did Kessar.

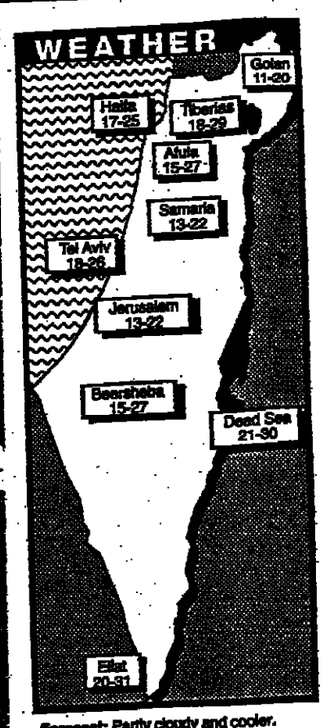
"The Austrians had extremely warm relations with [Kessar]. They – trade union heads, chambers of commerce and mayors – decided to contribute to Kessar's elections," he said.

Yisraelovitz said in the interview that the police questions mainly focused on the investigation agency allegedly employed by Haberfeld's campaign staff against MK Haim Ramon, today Histadrut chairman; on Kessar's primaries; and on [the possible involvement of Labor Secretary-General] Nissim Zvilli.

He said the Histadrut's reputation of being a corrupt, stagnant body came from "Ramon and his colleagues, who saw to it. Already in 1987 they announced that the Histadrut is corrupt and inefficient. You could build a career on such statements."



Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar (left) and his spokesman, Eli Danon, leave police headquarters in Jerusalem on Friday after the former Histadrut secretary-general was questioned. (Brian Hendler)



Forecast: Partly cloudy and cooler.

AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW C	LOW F	HIGH C	HIGH F	
Amsterdam	03	37	10	50	cloudy
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Cairo	18	64	28	82	clear
Chicago	04	39	13	55	cloudy
Copenhagen	03	37	10	50	clear
Frankfurt	03	37	13	55	clear
Geneva	06	43	14	57	p/cloudy
Helsinki	02	36	08	46	rain
Hong Kong	24	75	27	81	clear
Johnny	05	41	22	72	clear
Lisbon	16	61	26	79	clear
London	07	45	14	57	p/cloudy
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Moscow	05	41	10	50	cloudy
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Zurich	06	43	11	52	cloudy

US assures Israel: $1.8b. promised in military aid safe through 1997

HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON

THE Clinton administration has assured Israel it will safeguard its $1.8 billion annual military assistance package through fiscal year 1997.

The commitment was contained in a letter given by US undersecretary of state for arms control and international security affairs Lynn Davis to Defense Ministry director-general David Ivry during three days of military-strategic talks here that concluded Friday.

The letter also pledged to continue the US's strategic cooperation with Israel and assure its qualitative military edge in the region.

An Israeli official said the assurances represent "something very concrete for us."

"It's a sign of the US commitment to Israel and an example of US-Israel strategic cooperation," the official said. "It's one of the bases of the political relationship."

The two sides also agreed to continue their regular joint military exercises as part of improving readiness to deal with potential crises in the region, he added.

The discussions included IDF reports on redeployment plans, and US officials reportedly expressed their appreciation for the calculated risks Israel is taking in the Oslo 2 deal.

The two sides also discussed arms proliferation and the military balance in the Middle East, the threat of Iraq on regional stability and Bosnia.

Ivry met Friday with US Secretary of Defense William Perry to prepare for Perry's meeting here on Wednesday with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Israeli officials reported afterward they were surprised by the amount of compliments Perry lavished on the joint US-Israel Arrow missile project.

Healthy Meshulam in hospital awaits repair of prison

RAINE MARCUS

UZI Meshulam and eight of his followers are staying in the Ayalon Prison hospital until their wing – damaged by a fire last week – is renovated.

On Wednesday, they complained about conditions, saying they could not pray or do laundry there. They were then taken to isolation cells, but refused to enter, said the Prisons Service spokesman, and were transferred back to the hospital wing.

"They do not want to be in the hospital wing either," said the spokesman, who added that there is no other room in the prison for them. But he denied that Meshulam and his followers are receiving preferential treatment in prison.

The non-smoking, observant wing where Meshulam and his followers are incarcerated should be renovated by tomorrow, said the spokesman.

Meshulam was sentenced to eight years for assault, firing at policemen, illegal possession of weapons, and other counts during a two-month siege at his Yehud home.

Eleven of his followers were jailed for lesser terms. Since their incarceration they have protested a number of times, filing petitions against the wearing of prison uniforms, prison food, and numerous other complaints.

Over this past week there have been several demonstrations by Meshulam's supporters opposite the prison. The last one was apparently to protest the refusal by prison authorities to allow Meshulam to build his own succa.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fire damages Motorola lab

Major damage was caused to Motorola's repairs laboratory in Ramat Gan when a fire broke out in the building early yesterday.

Guards alerted firefighters, who worked for two hours to bring the blaze under control, preventing it from spreading beyond the second floor.

The Ramat Gan fire department said the blaze was apparently caused by a short circuit when a plug overheated on the floor housing the computer laboratory. *Itim*

Rafael must fire 350 workers

A Civil Service Commission committee has ruled there is no reason to change the March 31 decision that Rafael, the Armaments Development Authority, cannot continue to function this year without dismissing the 350 workers it planned to fire.

The Finance Ministry said the decision would not delay negotiations with workers to find a solution to the situation and turn Rafael into a government company. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Palestinians prefer joint tourism council

A Palestinian survey measuring 108 local tourist operators' attitudes to Oslo 2 indicates that 74 percent are in favor of a joint regional tourist council with Israel and Jordan. The finding was included in the poll conducted by the Palestinian Center for Public opinion based in Beit Sahur, headed by Dr. Nabil Kokali.

However, only 39% think that the Amman regional economic conference at the end of the month will contribute to the development of Palestinian tourism. *Jon Immanuel*

Negev wins shooting championship

The Negev district volunteers won the Civil Guard's target shooting championships held Friday near the Ben-Shemen forest.

The Jerusalem Civil Guard came in second place and the Dan region in third.

In the women's target competition, first place went to Natalie Margalit of Jerusalem. Uri Yadin, of the Dan region, won the youth competition. *Itim*

Man drowns off TA beach

A man drowned and a woman was pulled from the water having nearly drowned yesterday afternoon off Gordon Beach in Tel Aviv.

The two were pulled out of the water at about the same time. An MDA medic declared the man dead at the scene, but succeeded in resuscitating the woman – who was taken in critical condition to Ichilov Hospital, where she remains unconscious and on a respirator.

As of last night, police could not identify either of the two. *Itim*

Storm over Ofra Haza Yemen visit

SANAA (Reuter) – Yemeni opposition newspapers on Friday condemned plans to host Ofra Haza next month in Yemen as a step towards normalizing relations with Israel.

Al-Thawri weekly, organ of the main opposition Yemen Socialist Party said "The government has no right to take such a step without explicit support from the whole of the Yemeni public."

But *Ma'ariv* quoted Yemeni Foreign Minister Abdul-Karim al-Iryani as saying he would try to arrange for Ofra Haza and Shoshana Damari, both of Yemeni origin, to visit Yemen despite a lack of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

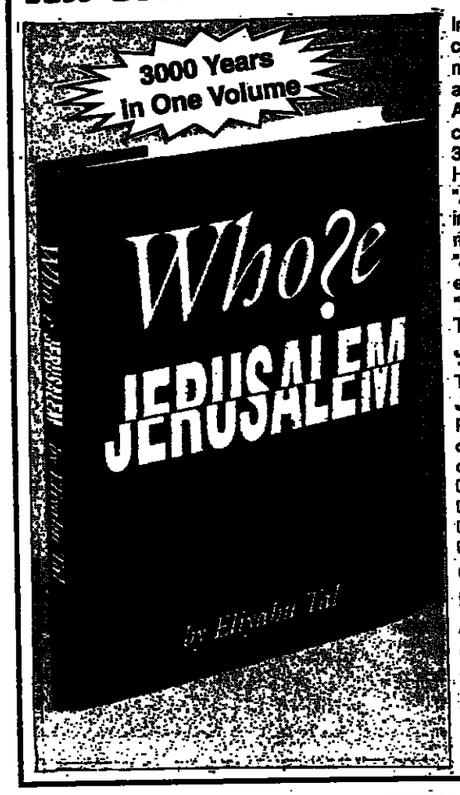
The armed forces newspaper, *September 26*, said in its Thursday edition: "The world famous singer Ofra Haza is due to visit her country of origin, Yemen, in November" but made no mention of her Israeli nationality. *September 26* said Haza "has played a big role in promoting Yemeni songs in international song festivals" and would sing at concerts in a number of Yemeni cities.

Jaffa protest against collaborators

HUNDREDS of Jaffa residents demonstrated Friday against the continued resettlement of Palestinian collaborators in their neighborhoods.

Tel Aviv city councilor Haled Kabub, a leader of Jaffa's Moslem community, told the protesters that they had every right "to cry out loud and hard against the resettling of collaborators in Jaffa." He noted that the 150 collaborator families in Jaffa are occupying homes and classroom seats at the expense of veteran Jaffa residents. He said the implementation of Oslo 2 would bring in hundreds more collaborator families who would "destroy society in Jaffa." (Itim)

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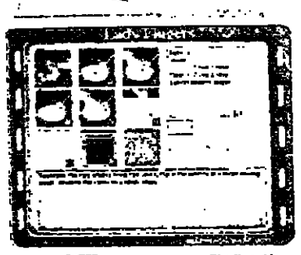


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